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The following review of the Administration of Criminal Justice in the Province of Assam during the year 1894 has been prepared on the same system as its predecessors, and the statements which accompany it have been compiled in the form adopted in the Report for the year 1893.

The reports of local officers on which it is based were, on the whole, punctually submitted.

2. With very slight exceptions in Darrang and Nowgong, no change has been reported as regards the area, population, or judicial divisions of the Province. Area, Population, and Jurisdiction. *Annual Statement I.*

I.—THE CRIMINAL COURTS.

3. As in previous years, two Sessions Judges and eight District Magistrates (Deputy Commissioners) were employed in the Province. Of the latter, all but one (the Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet) exercised special powers under Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, Act X of 1882.

4. The distribution and classes of Magistrates employed at the close of each of the last two years are shown below:— Magistrates.

	Stipendiary.		Honorary.	
	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.
Assam Valley Districts	35	31	14	11
Sylhet and Cachar	28	30	4	5
	63	61	18	16

5. Of the 61 Stipendiary Magistrates thus shown 43 exercised powers of the first class, 13 of the second class, and 5 of the third class. There was a decrease of three and an increase of one, respectively, in the number of Magistrates of the first and second classes, while the number of Magistrates of the third class remained the same as in the previous year. In Kamrup there was a decrease of six Magistrates and in Nowgong a decrease of one. In Goalpara and Lakhimpore there was no change in the number of Magistrates; while there was an increase of two in the district of Sibsagar and of one each in the districts of Darrang, Sylhet, and Cachar. Stipendiary Magistrates.

6. As in previous years, Honorary Magistrates were employed in all the districts of the Province except Goalpara and Cachar. In Nowgong three Honorary Magistrates, one vested with second class and two with third class powers, decided 413 cases as against 530 cases tried by the other Magistrates of the district, or nearly one-half of the total number disposed of. In Sylhet such Magistrates tried 245 cases concerning 312 persons, as against 613 cases concerning 778 persons in 1893. The decrease is reported to be due to the fact that two of the Honorary Magistrates who had worked regularly in previous years were on leave for the greater part of the year under review. In Sibsagar and Kamrup Honorary Magistrates determined 48 and 47 cases, respectively, in Lakhimpur one case, and in Darrang nine. The Bench of Magistrates Honorary Magistrates and Benches.

constituted for the Habiganj Sub-Division tried 38 cases. It is the only Bench in the Province.

II.—CRIME RETURNS.

Offences reported and cases rejected. *Tables A and B.*

7. Tables A and B appended to this Report show the number of offences reported, of cases rejected or struck off as false, and of cases accepted as true. The general results for the years 1893 and 1894 are compared below :—

		Offences reported	Rejected and struck off as false.	Accepted as true.
1893	Assam Valley Districts	17,949	4,735	13,214
	Surma Valley Districts	13,471	2,995	10,476
1894	Assam Valley Districts	17,039	4,672	12,367
	Surma Valley Districts	14,073	3,144	10,929

As compared with 1893, these figures show a decrease in the Assam Valley Districts of 910 in the number of offences reported, of 63 in the number of cases rejected and struck off as false, and of 847 in the number accepted as true; while in the Surma Valley Districts there was an increase under each of these heads amounting to 602 in the number of offences reported, 149 in the number of cases rejected and struck off as false, and 453 in the number of cases accepted as true.

All the districts in the Assam Valley contributed to the decrease in the number of offences reported, except Lakhimpur, where there was an increase of 276. The decrease was greatest in Darrang (423), Sibsagar (274), and Goalpara (217). The Deputy Commissioner of Darrang is unable to assign any special reason for the decrease. The decrease in Sibsagar occurred in all the three Sub-Divisions of that district, the Sadar, Jorhat and Golaghat, and was principally under the two main heads of crime, "Offences against property," and "Offences affecting the human body." The decrease in Goalpara is attributed to the absence of disputes among zamindars in the Sadar Sub-Division and to a relaxation of the activity shown in the previous year in Municipal prosecutions. Sylhet shows an increase of 414 and Cachar an increase of 188. The increase in Sylhet occurred chiefly in respect of offences under special laws and offences affecting the human body. That in Cachar was mainly under "Offences affecting the human body" and "Offences against property," and is attributed to land disputes arising out of the re-settlement operations in progress in the district.

Cases rejected or struck off as false.

8. Of the number of cases reported, the percentage rejected or struck off as false in 1894 was 27·4 in the Assam Valley Districts and 22·3 in the Surma Valley Districts, as compared with 26·3 and 22·2, respectively, in the previous year. The following are the figures under each of the heads mentioned :—

		Complaints rejected.	Cases struck off as false.
1893	Assam Valley Districts	4,177	558
	Surma Valley Districts	2,672	323
1894	Assam Valley Districts	4,144	528
	Surma Valley Districts	2,614	530

The proportion of cases rejected and struck off as false was highest in Darrang (32 09 per cent.) and lowest in Goalpara (15·3 per cent.). In Sylhet the proportion was 22·4 per cent. and in Cachar 21 8 per cent.

Cases accepted as true.

9. The number of cases accepted as true was 23,296, or 74·8 per cent. of the offences reported in 1894, as compared with 23,690 or 75·3 per cent. of the number reported in 1893.

10. The following comparative statement shows in detail the number of cases returned as true and the number of persons convicted during each of the past three years :— Details of cases returned as true and of persons convicted.

	Cases returned as true						Persons convicted.					
	1892		1893.		1894.		1892.		1893.		1894.	
	Assam Valley Districts.	Surma Valley Districts.	Assam Valley Districts.	Surma Valley Districts.	Assam Valley Districts.	Surma Valley Districts.	Assam Valley Districts.	Surma Valley Districts.	Assam Valley Districts.	Surma Valley Districts.	Assam Valley Districts.	Surma Valley Districts.
Offences under the Penal Code .	7,933	7,524	8,084	7,634	7,330	7,859	4,139	3,507	3,816	3,923	3,912	3,855
Offences against special and local laws . .	4,280	2,609	5,130	2,842	5,037	3,070	3,713	1,851	4,348	1,774	4,017	2,156
	12,213	10,133	13,214	10,476	12,367	10,929	7,852	5,358	8,164	5,697	7,929	6,011

There was a decrease in the Assam Valley Districts in the number of cases returned as true under the Penal Code, chiefly under the head of offences against property (448). This decrease occurred in all the districts, except Kamrup (which shows an increase of 34), and was most marked in Darrang (246). Offences affecting the human body show a falling off, which was greatest in Nowgong (133). In the Surma Valley Districts, however, there was an increase in the number of cases returned as true under the Penal Code, Cachar showing an increase of 146 and Sylhet of 79. The increase occurred chiefly under the two heads " Offences affecting the human body " (184) and " Offences against property " (118).

There was also a falling off in the Assam Valley Districts in the number of cases returned as true under the head Offences against special and local laws, which was common to all the districts except Lakhimpur, where there was an increase of 190. There was an increase of 254 in Sylhet under this head and a decrease of 126 in Cachar.

Although the proportion of persons convicted in cases sent up as true shows a falling off as compared with 1893, it was slightly greater than in 1892.

11. The annexed tables C and D furnish details for each district and exhibit the number of true cases and of persons convicted under each head of crime during each of the last two years. Details for each district. *Tables C. and D.*

12. No offence under Chapter VI or Chapter VII of the Indian Penal Code was reported during the past, or the preceding two years. Offences under Chapters VI and VII, Indian Penal Code.

13. The number of offences against the public tranquillity was 676 in the past, as compared with 771 in the previous year. The greatest decrease occurred in Sylhet (113), and is reported by the Deputy Commissioner to be due to the preventive measures taken whenever a breach of the peace was known to be probable. Offences under Chapter VIII.

14. The number of offences relating to public servants was 376 in the past, as compared with 374 in the preceding year. There was an increase in the districts of Kamrup (28), Nowgong (10), and Sibsagar (8), and a decrease in the districts of Cachar (26), Goalpara (13), Sylhet (4), and Lakhimpur (1). In Darrang the number was the same as in the last two years. The increase in Kamrup is said to be mainly in cases of contempts of the lawful authority of public servants. Offences under Chapters IX and X.

15. The number of offences against public justice and false evidence was 350 in the past, as compared with 316 in the preceding year. The increase occurred in the districts of Sylhet (35), Cachar (11), and Nowgong (9). The remaining districts show a decrease.. Offences under Chapter XI.

16. The number of offences reported relating to coins, stamps, and weights and measures fell again from 64 in 1893 to 58 in the past year. The decrease Offences under Chapters XII and XIII.

occurred entirely in the districts in the Assam Valley. In Sylhet and Cachar there was an increase of 12 and 2, respectively.

Offences under Chapters XIV and XV.

17. The total number of reported offences affecting public health and decency was 290, as compared with 250 in the preceding year. The increase occurred in the districts of Kamrup (29), Sibsagar (20), and Sylhet (13). The remaining districts show a decrease.

Offences under Chapter XVI.

18. The total number of reported offences against the human body was 8,596 in the past, as compared with 8,608 in the preceding year. The decrease occurred chiefly in Sibsagar (140) and Nowgong (110); while Cachar and Sylhet show a marked increase of 182 and 109, respectively.

Offences under Chapter XVII.

19. The total number of reported offences against property fell from 10,979 in 1893 to 10,810 in the past year. The decrease occurred chiefly in Darrang (201) and Sibsagar (106); while Cachar shows a marked increase of 174.

Offences under Chapters XVIII to XXII.

20. The number of miscellaneous offences reported under Chapters XVIII to XXII of the Indian Penal Code was 1,191 in the past, as compared with 1,398 in the preceding year. The decrease occurred in all the districts of the Province, and was most marked in Sibsagar (75) and Kamrup (52). The number of true cases was 489 in the past, as against 666 in the preceding year. The proportion of convictions to trials for offences under these Chapters of the Code was 30·7, as compared with 36·14 in 1893. Sibsagar shows the highest proportion (49·01 per cent.) and Cachar the lowest (14·2 per cent.), with Sylhet next (14·43 per cent.).

Offences under special laws.

21. There was a still further increase in the total number of reported offences against local and special laws from 8,658 in 1893 to 8,765 in the past year. Offences under this head have been steadily increasing since 1890 when the total number reported was 5,547. The increase, however, in the past year occurred only in the districts of Sylhet (392), Lakhimpur (198), and Sibsagar (18); while there was a decrease in the districts of Cachar (144), Darrang (115), Kamrup (96), Goalpara (92), and Nowgong (54).

Chief heads of Crime.

22. The statement below shows the number of cases accepted as true, and the number of persons convicted under some of the chief heads of Crime during each of the past two years :—

	Cases returned as true.				Persons convicted.			
	1893.		1894.		1893.		1894.	
	Assam Valley Districts.	Surma Valley Districts.	Assam Valley Districts.	Surma Valley Districts.	Assam Valley Districts.	Surma Valley Districts	Assam Valley Districts.	Surma Valley Districts.
3, 4, 5 Offences affecting public tranquillity	88	501	92	438	351	1,133	381	1,069
9 False evidence	38	28	28	38	17	17	16	10
15 Offences affecting public safety	45	8	44	20	23	1	21	8
19 Murder	20	19	9	15	17	3	4	...
21 Culpable homicide	15	15	12	14	9	5	7	7
30 Serious hurt	50	41	49	36	54	48	67	21
31, 34 Simple hurt and assault	2,439	2,529	2,346	2,751	1,067	918	1,111	926
26, 27 Causing miscarriage	...	4	2	...	...	—	...	...
40 Rape	13	6	12	2	2	1	3	...
42, 43 Theft	2,009	1,547	1,616	1,633	765	606	717	665
49, 50, 52 Dacoity	7	11	3	3	3	13	8	6
44 to 47 Robbery and extortion	42	25	38	22	12	9	9	11
60, 61 House-trespass and burglary	545	665	585	638	131	76	187	72
58 Mischief (serious)	154	146	153	128	42	21	20	42
70 Offences relating to marriage	164	155	103	121	16	8	16	8

23. Of the four persons shown as having been convicted of murder during the year, two were transported for life and two suffered capital punishment. **Cases of murder.**

In the following districts the largest numbers of murders were reported during each of the last two years :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.
Lakhimpur	5	3	3	1
Sibsagar	6	3	8	3
Sylhet	14	13	3	0

No case of murder was reported from Goalpara or Nowgong during the year under review. Sixty persons were concerned in the 13 cases returned as true from Sylhet. Of these 50 were acquitted and 10 remained under trial at the close of the year.

24. Cases of culpable homicide were reported from all the districts in the Province, the largest number occurring, as in previous years, in Sylhet. Of 49 persons charged with this offence, 14 were convicted, 26 were acquitted, 1 died, and 8 remained under trial at the close of the year. **Culpable homicide.**

25. Cases of dacoity were reported from Kamrup, Sibsagar, and Sylhet. Of the 34 persons charged with this offence, 14 were convicted, 13 were acquitted, 1 died, and 6 remained under trial at the close of the year. **Dacoity.**

26. No case of house trespass resulting in death or grievous hurt was reported during the year. Of the total number of persons brought to trial for house trespass, 259 were convicted, as already shown, 119 were acquitted, 2 died, and 10 remained under trial at the close of the year. **House trespass.**

The proportion of cases of this class brought to trial and that of convictions in those cases are compared with the corresponding results of 1893 in the following statement :—

	Percentage			
	Of cases brought to trial.		Of persons convicted.	
	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.
Goalpara	20·1	28·5	58·5	73·5
Kamrup	20·2	27·7	70·	71·4
Nowgong	21·4	16 3	69·2	55·5
Darrang	26·5	27·1	56·	81·8
Sibsagar	27·2	35·5	83·3	82·4
Lakhimpur	23·1	22·2	53·3	62·1
Sylhet	13·9	17·2	69·7	57·7
Cachar	6·7	7·8	75·	50·

27. The statistics of offences relating to marriage show that, of 596 offences reported during the year, 372, or 62·4 per cent., were either rejected or struck off as false. In the preceding year the percentage was 55·1. **Offences relating to marriage.**

The proportion of acquittals and discharges to the number of persons tried is given below :—

	Percentage acquitted or discharged.	
	1893.	1894.
Goalpara	76·4	81·8
Kamrup	88·8	76·9
Nowgong	85·7	85·5
Darrang	75·	75·
Lakhimpur	94·7	66 6
Sibsagar	75·	69·2
Sylhet	85·1	91·04
Cachar	100·	81·8

Special laws.

28. The following are the principal special laws, breaches of the provisions of which are reported to have occurred during the last two years :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.
Arms Act	312	290	288	267
Artificers' and Workmen's Act . . .	812	841	187	268
Emigration	1,252	1,345	1,078	917
Cattle Trespass Act	1,089	1,085	529	606
Excise Act	522	451	453	417
Municipal Acts	1,453	1,418	1,347	1,302
Police (District) Act	1,158	1,032	1,115	1,008

The decrease in the number of cases under the Arms Act occurred chiefly in Cachar (49). Sylhet, Goalpara, and Sibsagar show an increase of 22, 13, and 5, respectively. The increase in the number of infringements of the Artificers' and Workmen's Act occurred in the districts of Sylhet (49), Sibsagar (27), Lakhimpur (16), and Cachar (10). Darrang and Nowgong show a decrease of 7 and 5 respectively, while no such cases were returned from Goalpara and Kamrup. The reasons assigned for the increase in Sylhet in the past year are the same as those given for the increase in 1893, *viz.*, the demand for labour caused by the Assam-Bengal Railway works and the expansion of the tea industry in the South Sylhet Sub-Division. The increase in the number of cases under the Emigration Act occurred in the districts of Sibsagar (135), Lakhimpur (88), and Sylhet (5); while the remaining districts show a decrease, notably Cachar (47). No such cases were returned from Goalpara. There was a decrease in the number of offences under the Cattle Trespass Act in the districts of Sibsagar (45), Kamrup (26), and Nowgong (15), the other districts showing an increase which was greatest in Cachar (47). As regards prosecutions under the Excise Act, there was a decrease in the districts of Nowgong (39), Goalpara (16), Sibsagar (12), Sylhet (11), and Kamrup (10), and an increase in the districts of Lakhimpur (20), Darrang (13), and Cachar (10). The decrease in the number of prosecutions under the Municipal Act occurred entirely in the district of Goalpara (113), there being a decrease of one in Sylhet, the only other district that shows a falling off. The remaining districts show an increase under this head, which was greatest in Lakhimpur (68). No such cases were reported from Darrang in the past or in the previous year. The decrease in Goalpara is ascribed to a relaxation of the stringent measures adopted by the Goalpara Municipality in the previous year for the prosecution of Municipal offences. There was a falling off in the number of cases under the Police Act in the districts of Sylhet (68), Cachar (35), Sibsagar (28), Goalpara (14), and Kamrup; while there was an increase in the districts of Nowgong (15), Darrang (9), and Lakhimpur (7). The decrease in Cachar is said to be due to the provisions against nuisances becoming better known.

Miscellaneous cases under the Code of Criminal Procedure.

29. In Table F will be found statistics regarding the miscellaneous proceedings under the Code of Criminal Procedure taken during 1894.

30. No proceedings against witnesses under Section 485 of the Code of Criminal Procedure have been taken during the past five years. Chapter VI, Section 485.

31. The number of cases decided and of persons who were required to give security under Chapter VIII of the Code during the past two years are as follows:— Chapter VIII.

	Cases decided.		Persons convicted.	
	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.
Chapter VIII (Security for keeping the peace)	160	270	251	489
" " (Security for good behaviour) .	149	200	84	107

The increase in the number of cases in which proceedings were instituted for the preservation of the peace occurred entirely in the Surma Valley Districts, Sylhet showing an increase of 107 and Cachar 3. The number of such cases in the Assam Valley Districts was the same as that in the preceding year. The increase in Sylhet is attributed to the institution of proceedings in the disturbed part of the district, which resulted, as already remarked, in the number of offences against the public tranquillity being considerably reduced. The number of persons in Sylhet against whom proceedings were taken was 942, the total number in the whole Province being 1,124. Of these persons 489 were required to furnish security, 236 having been bound down after conviction for offences actually committed. Proceedings in regard to security for good behaviour were instituted in 181 cases in the District of Sylhet and in 9 cases in Cachar; in the other districts the number of cases varied from 1 to 4, except in Lakhimpur where no such cases occurred. Of the 107 persons who were required to furnish security for good behaviour, 88 were unable to furnish such security, and of these 68 were ordered by Magistrates and 5 by Sessions Judges to be imprisoned in default for terms not exceeding one year, and 15 for terms exceeding that period.

32. Proceedings for the suppression of local nuisances were taken in 45 cases in the past, as compared with 32 in 1893. These cases occurred in Sylhet (32), Lakhimpur (7), Kamrup, Sibsagar, and Cachar (2 each). The total number of persons concerned was 87. The orders initiating the proceedings were made absolute as against 54 of the defendants. Chapter X.

33. The number of persons whose cases were referred under Section 138 of the Code was 60, as compared with 39 in the preceding year. All these cases occurred in the Surma Valley Districts, Sylhet showing 57 and Cachar 3. In the cases of 49 persons the Jury either confirmed the orders of the Magistrate, or modified them so slightly that the alteration was accepted by the Court; while they disapproved of the order in the case of 8 persons.

34. The number of cases instituted under Chapter XII of the Code of Criminal Procedure, regarding the possession of tangible immoveable property, was 17, as compared with 9 in the previous year. These cases occurred in the districts of Sylhet (6), Kamrup (3), Goalpara, Lakhimpur, Sibsagar, and Cachar (2 each). Chapter XII.

35. Fifteen cases of Jurors or Assessors dealt with under the provisions of Section 332 of the Code of Criminal Procedure were reported in 1894, as against 9 in the previous year. These cases occurred in Sibsagar (7), Darrang (5), Kamrup (2), and Goalpara (1). Penalties were inflicted on 4 persons; 2 in Sibsagar and one each in Goalpara and Darrang. Chapter XXIII, Section 332.

Chapter XXXVI.

36. Proceedings under Chapter XXXVI of the Code of Criminal Procedure were taken against 95 persons as compared with 102 in the previous year. Of these 42 were ordered to provide maintenance and 53 were discharged. As in previous years, cases of this class were most common in Sibsagar (30) and Lakhimpur (20).

Chapter XLII.

37. Proceedings for the forfeiture of bail or recognizances under Chapter XLII of the Code were taken against 341 persons, as against 229 in 1893, and forfeiture was ordered in the case of 220 persons.

Chapter XLVI, Section 560.

38. The number of complainants ordered to pay compensation to accused persons, against whom it was found that frivolous or vexatious complaints had been lodged, was 118, as compared with 136 in the preceding year. The amount of compensation awarded in connection with these cases amounted to R1,770, as against R1,851 in 1893.

Results of trials in all Courts. *Tables A 1 and B 1.*

39. The general results of Criminal trials during the period reviewed is given in the following table :—

	1893.		1894.	
	Assam Valley Districts.	Surma Valley Districts.	Assam Valley Districts.	Surma Valley Districts.
Acquitted or discharged . .	4,182	4,115	4,065	5,258
Convicted	8,164	5,697	7,929	6,011
Percentage convicted . .	66·1	58·06	66·1	53·3

The percentage of persons convicted to persons tried in the Assam Valley Districts was the same as that in the proceding year; while it was slightly lower in the Surma Valley Districts. It was highest in Sibsagar (77·27) and lowest in Cachar (49·1).

Trial of European British subjects. *Statement 8.*

40. Statement 8, which furnishes details as to the general results of the trials of European British subjects, shows that during the year under review 44 cases involving 46 persons came before the Criminal Courts of the Province. Half the number of cases, *viz.*, 22, were reported from the Surma Valley Districts, Sylhet reporting 14 and Cachar 8. In the Assam Valley Districts 10 were reported from Lakhimpur, 5 from Sibsagar, 3 each from Darrang and Nowgong, and one from Goalpara. As in the previous year, no such case was reported from Kamrup. Sixteen persons were charged with assault, 4 in Lakhimpur, 3 each in Nowgong, Sylhet, and Cachar, 2 in Darrang, and one in Sibsagar. Six persons were charged with hurt, 5 in Sylhet and one in Sibsagar. Ten persons were charged with offences under special laws, 4 in Lakhimpur, 3 in Cachar, 2 in Sibsagar, and one in Sylhet. Two persons in Nowgong claimed to be tried by a mixed Jury. None of the cases reported were dealt with by an officer who was not himself an European British subject.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

III.—THE HIGH COURT.

41. No cases of European British subjects were committed by the Criminal Courts in Assam to the High Court in its Original Jurisdiction.

IV.—COURTS OF SESSION.

Number of Original cases. *Table E.*

42. Statistics of cases, inclusive of references under Sections 34 and 123 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, brought to trial, decided, and pending

in Courts of Session in Assam during the years 1893 and 1894, are given below :—

		Brought to trial.	Decided.*	Pending.
1893	Assam Valley Districts . . .	42	46	2
	Surma Valley Districts . . .	66	70	13
1894	Assam Valley Districts . . .	40	42	...
	Surma Valley Districts . . .	93	87	18

* Inclusive of cases pending from the previous year.

There was a decrease of two in the number of Sessions trials in the Assam Valley Districts. All the cases brought to trial were disposed of during the year, including 2 that were pending from the previous year. The increase in the number of Sessions trials in the Surma Valley Districts occurred entirely in Sylhet. In Cachar the number (14) was the same as that in the preceding year.

The following statement shows the number of days devoted by the Judge of the Assam Valley Districts during each of the past five years to Criminal Judicial work :—

1890	69
1891	63
1892	54
1893	65
1894	46

References under Section 34, Criminal Procedure Code. *See Statement 4.*

43. The number of references to the Courts of Session for confirmation of sentences passed by Deputy Commissioners under Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure was 12, as compared with 13 in the preceding year. All of these references were disposed of during the year. As in the previous year, no such references were made by the Deputy Commissioner of Darrang.

Average duration of cases.

44. The average duration of cases tried on commitment and of references under Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure disposed of by the Courts of Session for the past two years is given below :—

	Average number of days during which each case lasted.					
	Assam Valley Districts.		Sylhet.		Cachar.	
	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.
Cases of persons committed .	49·3	29·8	48·9	35·3	61·	53·1
Cases referred under Section 34, Code of Criminal Procedure .	16·2	23·8	...	...	31·	7·

Cases were decided on the whole with greater expedition during the past year than in 1893.

Number of persons committed.

45. Inclusive of persons whose cases remained undecided at the close of 1893, the total number of persons under trial in the several Courts of Session in the Province was 267. Of these 1 died, 248 were tried, and 18 remained under trial at the close of the year.

Result of trials as affecting persons. *Table G.*

46. The results of trials in each of the last two years are shown in the sub-joined statement:—

		Acquitted.	Convicted.	Referred.
1893	Assam Valley Districts	31	54	6
	Surma Valley Districts	77	68	4
1894	Assam Valley Districts	24	44	1
	Surma Valley Districts	79	100	...

Convictions.

47. Sentences of death passed subject to confirmation by the High Court being included, the proportion of persons convicted was 58·8 per cent., as compared with 54·8 per cent. in the previous year. This proportion was highest in Kamrup (100 per cent.) and lowest in Goalpara (26·6 per cent.).

Jury Trials. *Statement 7.*

48. Annual Statement 7 shows that 57 persons were tried by Jury in the Sessions Courts of the Assam Valley Districts during the past year, as compared with 59 in 1893. In the case of 55 of these, the Judge approved of the verdict of the Jury, and in that of the remaining two persons he disagreed with the verdict but did not consider it necessary to refer the case to the High Court under Section 307 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Trial by Assessors.

49. The number of persons tried with the assistance of Assessors in the Sessions Courts at Sylhet and Cachar was 155 as compared with 142 in 1893. In the case of 101 persons, the Sessions Judge concurred with the Assessors, in that of 48 persons he differed from the opinion of one or more, and in the case of 6 persons he rejected the finding of both.

Witnesses examined. *Table J.*

50. The number of witnesses examined in the Courts of Session was 785, as against 778 in the preceding year. The increase occurred in the Districts of Goalpara, Sibsagar, Lakhimpur, and Sylhet. The remaining districts show a decrease, while in Kamrup no witnesses were examined during the year.

The number of witnesses discharged without examination was 697, as against 679 in 1893.

Witnesses' expenses.

51. The amount of diet money paid to witnesses attending Sessions Courts was R1,554, as compared with R1,487 in the preceding year. Of this sum, R261 were expended in the Sessions Courts in the Assam Valley Districts, and the balance in the Sessions Courts at Sylhet and Cachar.

Detention of witnesses. *Table K.*

52. The total number of witnesses in attendance before the Courts of Session (inclusive of those discharged* without examination) was 1,482, as compared with 1,457 in the previous year. It is satisfactory to note that no witnesses were detained beyond the third day in the Sessions Courts during the past year.

	* Number of witnesses discharged and the percentage on the total number in attendance so discharged.							
	On the first day.		On the second day.		On the third day.		After the third day.	
	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage
1893	909	62·4	309	21·2	169	11·5	72	4·9
1894	927	62·7	459	31·	96	6·5	...	...

V.—COURTS OF MAGISTRATES.

Number of cases. *Table E.*

53. The number of cases brought to trial, decided, and pending in the Courts of Magistrates during each of the past two years is shown below:—

		Brought to trial.	Decided.*	Pending.
1893	Assam Valley Districts	8,641	8,645	128
	Surma Valley Districts	6,452	6,387	236
1894	Assam Valley Districts	8,267	8,263	115
	Surma Valley Districts	6,865	6,815	271

* Inclusive of cases pending from the previous year.

The decrease in the number of cases brought to trial during 1894 in the Assam Valley Districts occurred in all the districts except Lakhimpur, which shows an increase of 92. It was most conspicuous in Goalpara (149) and Darrang (120). In the Surma Valley Districts, Sylhet and Cachar show an increase of 320 and 93, respectively. In both these districts the number of cases coming before the Courts has been steadily increasing since 1889.

The number of cases disposed of in the Assam Valley Districts was less than in the preceding year, but the pending files show an improvement. In the Surma Valley Districts, however, although the number of cases disposed of was greater than in the previous year, the pending files were heavier at the close of the past, than at the end of the preceding year.

54. The total number of cases tried summarily by Magistrates is shown in the following statement:— Summary trials. *Statement 4.*

		1893.	1894.
Tried under ordinary procedure	Assam Valley Districts .	4,013	3,840
	Surma Valley Districts .	4,763	4,995
„ summarily . . .	Assam Valley Districts	4,632	4,423
	Surma Valley Districts .	1,624	1,820
	TOTAL .	15,032	15,078

Of the number of cases tried during the year, 41·4 per cent. as compared with 41·6 per cent. in 1893, were dealt with summarily. There was a decrease in the number of summary trials in all the districts of the Assam Valley except Kamrup, which shows an increase of 312. In Sylhet there was an increase of 178 and in Cachar of 18. Of the 6,243 cases tried summarily, 217 were tried by the Deputy Commissioners of the six districts in the Assam Valley, 2 by the Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet, 28 by the Deputy Commissioner of Cachar, and the remaining 5,996 cases by Assistant and Extra Assistant Commissioners exercising powers of the first class.

55. The following statement shows the number of cases decided by the several grades of Magistrates during the last two years:— Disposal of cases.

		1893.	1894.
Subordinate Magistrates .	Stipendiary . . .	13,301	13,796
	Benches of Magistrates .	...	38
	Honorary . . .	1,048	754
District and Divisional Magistrates	Cases referred under Sections 347, 349, Criminal Procedure Code	29	35
Chief Magistrates of districts	Under ordinary powers .	603	434
	Under special powers . .	51	41

56. The 41 cases disposed of under the powers conferred by Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure were distributed among the districts of the Assam Valley and Cachar. The Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet has not been invested with such powers, as there is a resident Sessions Judge in the District. References under Section 34, Criminal Procedure Code.

Twelve cases involving 13 persons were referred to the Courts of Session for confirmation of the sentences passed.

57. The number of references under Sections 347 and 349 of the Code of Criminal Procedure made by Subordinate to District Magistrates with a view to the passing of severer sentences was 35 as against 28 in the previous year. References under Sections 347 and 349, Criminal Procedure Code.

These occurred in the districts of Goalpara (2), Kamrup (1), Darrang (3), Sibsagar (9), Sylhet (12), and Cachar (8).

Cases under Section 123, Criminal Procedure Code.

58. No cases were referred to the Courts of Session during the year under Section 123 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Average duration of cases.

59. The average duration of cases decided by Magistrates of each class in each of the last two years is shown below :—

	Average number of days each case lasted.					
	Assam Valley Districts.		Sylhet.		Cachar.	
	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.
Honorary Magistrates sitting singly	8	8 63	9·11	12 83	...	..
Benches of Magistrates . .	...	...	...	14·44	...	...
Stipendiary Magistrates . .	6·2	6·2	10·5	11·5	14 2	24·6
District Magistrates . .	8·2	8·3	2·2	6·9	8·3	33·4

* These figures include remanets from the previous year, and also double entries in the cases of persons referred to another Court for a higher punishment and of persons transferred from one district to another.

60. The total number of persons under trial in the Courts of Magistrates during the year under review was 24,060*, as compared with 22,884* in the previous year.

61. Details are given below of the manner in which the persons brought to trial during the past two years appeared before the Courts :—

	1893.	1894.
Under arrest	10,285	9,849
Upon warrant	2,489	2,803
On summons	8,862	10,057
Voluntarily	627	625
	22,263	23,334

Results of trials as affecting persons. *Table H.*

62. Exclusive of the number of persons who were committed to the Sessions or whose cases were referred to a higher tribunal, the total number of those whose cases were decided by Magistrates during 1894 was 11,926 in the Assam Valley Districts and 11,090 in the Surma Valley Districts, as compared with 12,257 and 9,662, respectively, in 1893.

The results of trials in each of the years 1893 and 1894 are given below :—

		Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.
1893 . .	Assam Valley Districts . .	4,151	8,106	100
	Surma Valley Districts . .	4,034	5,628	173
1894 . .	Assam Valley Districts . .	4,041	7,885	120
	Surma Valley Districts . .	5,179	5,911	202

The percentage convicted of the total number of persons tried in the Assam Valley Districts was 66·1, the same as in 1893, and the percentage in the Surma Valley Districts was 53·3, as against 58·2 in the previous

year. In the Assam Valley Districts the ratio of convictions was highest in Sibsagar (77·4 per cent.), and lowest in Nowgong (51·15 per cent.). In Sylhet the ratio was 54·4 per cent., and in Cachar 48·9 per cent.

There was a falling off in the percentage of convictions in the districts of Darrang (to the extent of 5 per cent.), Kamrup (to the extent of 2·8 per cent.), and Goalpara (to the extent of 1·1 per cent.). In Sylhet there was a falling off to the extent of 4·5 per cent., and in Cachar to the extent of 6·8 per cent.

63. The mode of trial and the sentences passed in cases which ended in convictions, are shown in the following table:— Mode of trial and sentences passed. *Statement 4.*

	On regular trial.	On summary trial.
Appealable sentences passed	5,008	96
Non-appealable sentences passed	2,389	6,303
TOTAL .	7,497	6,399

On a comparison of these figures with those given in the report for 1893, it will be observed that the percentage of persons convicted on regular trial who had the right of appeal, rose from 60·1 per cent. in 1893 to 66 8 per cent. in the year under review, and the percentage of persons convicted on summary trial and having that right from 1·4 in 1893 to 1·5 in 1894.

64. The following were the classes of Courts before which the trials resulting in the summary conviction of persons were held:—

	Appealable sentences passed.	Non-appealable sentences passed.
Subordinate Stipendiary Magistrates . . .	94	6,045
District Magistrates	2	258
TOTAL .	96	6,303
	6,399	

65. The following comparative statement gives the results of trials during the past two years before the Magistrates of each class:—

	Acquitted or discharged.		Convicted.		Percentage convicted.	
	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.
Honorary Magistrates . .	744	641	956	731	56·2	53·2
Benches of Magistrates . .	...	18	...	29	...	...
Subordinate Stipendiary Magistrates	7,121	8,295	12,202	12,522	63·1	60·1
District Magistrates . .	320	266	576	514	64·2	65·9

Pending files.
Table I.

66. Exclusive of lunatics, the total number of persons awaiting trial in Magistrates' Courts at the close of 1894 was 626. The details furnished on the margin show the nature of the orders under which they remained under trial, and the following statement compares the duration of the pending trials in each of the past two years :—

In custody	41
On bail	499
On recognizance	79
Otherwise	7
TOTAL	626

	1893.	1894.
More than three months	22	16
More than two months	10	17
More than one month	75	139
Not exceeding one month	492	454

Of the 16 persons shown as having been under trial for more than three months at the close of the year, 7 were from Cachar, 5 from Goalpara, 3 from Nowgong, and 1 from Kamrup.

Witnesses examined.
Table J.

67. The total number of witnesses examined was 47,428, as compared with 48,092 in the preceding year. The decrease occurred entirely in the districts of the Assam Valley, Nowgong 1,745, Sibsagar 870, Goalpara 632, Darrang 374, Lakhimpur 291, and Kamrup 10. In Sylhet there was an increase of 3,127 and in Cachar of 131.

The number of witnesses discharged without examination was 17,437, as compared with 15,201 in the preceding year.

Expenses of witnesses.

68. The amount of diet money, etc., paid to witnesses during the past year was R1,467 or R650 more than the sum so paid in 1893. There was an increase in all the districts of the Province except Nowgong. It was greatest in Goalpara (R361).

Detention of witnesses.

69. The figures reproduced on the margin show the detention of witnesses in the Courts of Magistrates during each of the past two years. The largest number of detentions occurred in Kamrup (82). In Cachar 54 witnesses were detained beyond the third day, in Goalpara 53, in Lakhimpore 46, in Sylhet 39, in Nowgong 9, and in Darrang 8. No such detentions occurred in the Courts of Magistrates in the district of Sibsagar. Explanations regarding these detentions have been received and dealt with by the High Court.

	NUMBER OF WITNESSES DISCHARGED AND THE PERCENTAGE ON THE TOTAL NUMBER IN ATTENDANCE SO DISCHARGED.							
	On the first day.		On the second day.		On the third day.		After the third day.	
	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
1893	53,385	84·4	8,576	13·5	1,186	1·8	216	·3
1894	52,649	81·2	10,327	15·9	1,598	2·4	291	·5

VI.—PUNISHMENTS.

Death.
Statement 5.

70. The case of only one person from Sibsagar was referred to the High Court during the year under Section 374 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for confirmation of the sentence of death, and two persons were pending trial from the previous year. The High Court convicted all three persons, confirming the sentence in the case of two persons and commuting the sentence in the case of one person to transportation for life.

Transportation.

71. The number of persons sentenced to transportation by the Courts of Session was 9, of whom 7 were transported for life, and 2 for a term of years.

Other sentences.

72. The nature of the other sentences passed by the Courts of Session during the past year is indicated below :—

Imprisonment	Rigorous	115
	Simple	...
Fine		5
Whipping		1

The punishment of rigorous imprisonment was combined with solitary confinement in the case of 2 persons, and the 5 persons on whom sentences of fine were passed, were so sentenced in addition to imprisonment, as also the person on whom a sentence of whipping was passed.

The periods for which imprisonment was awarded are given on the margin. These figures include the sentences of rigorous imprisonment passed by Sessions Judges on 13 persons whose cases were referred by Deputy Commissioners under Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Not exceeding 15 days	
" " 6 months	8
" " 2 years	51
" " 7 "	70
Above 7 years	6

73. The following table furnishes details regarding the fines imposed by Courts of Session during the past two years :— Fines (Sessions Courts). *Table L.*

	Imposed.	Realized.*	Paid by way of compensation
	R	R	R
1893	125	74	...
1894	915	1,308	270

* Inclusive of arrears unrealized in previous years.

74. The number of persons sentenced by Magistrates to imprisonment, fine, or whipping, was as follows :— Punishment awarded by Magistrates. *Statement 5.*

	1893.	1894.
Imprisonment	3,762	3,941
Fine	9,866	9,552
Whipping	417	363

75. Besides the persons shown in the above statement, 281 workmen were ordered to fulfil their contracts, 480 persons, of whom 236 had been convicted of offences involving a breach of the peace, were required to give security or enter into recognizances for keeping the peace, and 87 persons were required to furnish security for good behaviour, 68 of them being, in default, sentenced to undergo imprisonment.

76. Of the 3,941 persons sentenced to imprisonment, 139 were sentenced to rigorous imprisonment combined with solitary confinement, 3,741 to rigorous imprisonment alone, and 61 to simple imprisonment. Imprisonment (Magistrates' Courts).

77. The amount of fines imposed by Magistrates in the exercise of their original jurisdiction was R82,680, as compared with R99,215 in 1893, and the amount realized inclusive of arrears was R79·195 or 79 8 per cent. of the actual amount imposed during the year, as against R87,909 or 88·6 per cent. in 1893. There was a decrease in the amount of fines imposed in all the districts except Lakhimpur, which shows an increase of R952. The decrease in Nowgong amounted to R3,061, in Kamrup to R2,435, in Darrang to R2,129, in Sibsagar to R2,019, and in Goalpara to R1,293. In Sylhet the decrease amounted to R6,139 and in Cachar to R398. Fines (Magistrates' Courts). *Table L.*

78. The amount awarded as compensation was R13,666 in the past, as compared with R14,386 in the preceding year. The decrease occurred in all the districts except Kamrup and Cachar, which show an increase. Compensation.

Particulars regarding sentences of whipping.
Table L 1.

79. The following statement shows the number of sentences of whipping awarded and of other punishments inflicted in cases in which whipping might have been awarded during the past two years :—

		1893.			1894.		
		Total number of whippings awarded.	Total number of other punishments in cases in which whipping might have been awarded.	Percentage of whippings.	Total number of whippings awarded.	Total number of other punishments in cases in which whippings might have been awarded.	Percentage of whippings.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	40	127	23 9	30	77	28·03
	Kamrup	39	106	26·89	19	169	10·1
	Nowgong	27	109	19·85	24	89	21·2
	Darrang	52	113	31·51	43	81	34·6
	Sibsagar	93	224	29·33	60	335	15·1
	Lakhimpur	35	134	20 71	27	152	15·08
Sylhet		109	568	16·1	122	630	16·2
Cachar		22	219	9 1	39	234	14·2
	TOTAL	417	1,600	20·67	364	1,767	17·08

It will be observed that there was a decrease in the number of sentences of whipping in all the districts in the Assam Valley. In Sylhet there was an increase of 13 and in Cachar of 17.

YEAR.	Number of whippings inflicted.	Number of convicted persons who rendered themselves liable to whipping.
1892	360	1,720
1893	417	2,017
1894	364	2,131

The figures given on the margin show the number of persons sentenced to whipping and the number of convicts who rendered themselves liable to this form of punishment during each of the years 1892, 1893, and 1894.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

VII.—THE HIGH COURT.

Number of appeals.
Table P.

80. The number of appeals instituted, decided, and pending in the High Court during the past two years was as follows :—

	Instituted.		Decided.*		Pending.	
	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.
Assam Valley Districts	27	18	27	19	2	1
Sylhet	19	25	21	23	...	2
Cachar	9	7	9	7	...	...
TOTAL	55	50	57	49	2	3

* Inclusive of cases pending from the previous year.

81. There was a decrease during the past year in the Assam Valley Districts and in Cachar in the number of appeals instituted. In Sylhet there was an increase of 6. Of the appeals filed during the year, 2 were from sentences passed by Magistrates under Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, and the remainder were appeals by persons convicted by Sessions Judges. No appeal has for the past seven years been preferred by the Local Government against a judgment of acquittal recorded by any of the Sessions Courts in the Province.

Persons who appealed. *Table R.*

The statement below shows the number of appealable sentences passed in each of the past two years:—

		1893.	1894.
Persons convicted (in whose cases the sentences passed were appealable).	By Deputy Commissioners in the exercise of special powers under Section 34	15	13
	By Courts of Session .	64	74

The increase in the number of appealable sentences passed by Courts of Session occurred chiefly in Sylhet, and this district also shows an increase in the number of appeals preferred to the High Court.

82. The following statement shows the result of appeals decided during each of the last two years:—

Results of appeals as affecting cases.

	Assam Valley Districts.		Sylhet.		Cachar.		Total.	
	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.
Conviction affirmed . . .	17	15	16	16	7	7	40	38
„ reversed . . .	2	1	2	3	2	...	6	4
„ varied . . .	2	2	3	4	...	...	5	6
Re-trial ordered . . .	3	1	...	...	...	...	3	1
Otherwise decided . . .	3	...	...	...	..	...	3	...

Seventeen appeals were preferred in 1894 against the sentences of the Sessions Courts in the Assam Valley Districts, where cases are tried by Jury, *viz.*, 7 from Sibsagar, 4 from Darrang, 3 from Lakhimpur, 2 from Kamrup, and 1 from Goalpara; and one each from Kamrup and Sibsagar were pending from the previous year. The orders in 14 cases were affirmed; 6 from Sibsagar, 3 each from Darrang and Lakhimpur, and 2 from Kamrup; in 1 case from Goalpara the order was reversed; in 2 from Sibsagar, they were modified; in one case from Darrang a re-trial was ordered; and one appeal remained unheard at the close of the year. One appeal from Sibsagar was also preferred to the High Court from the sentence passed by the Deputy Commissioner in the exercise of the powers conferred under Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. The order in the case was affirmed.

Twenty-five appeals were preferred during the year against the sentences of the Sessions Judge of Sylhet. The orders of the Sessions Court were affirmed in 16 cases, reversed in 3 and modified in 4; and 2 cases remained unheard at the end of the year. Six appeals were filed from Cachar. The orders in all six cases were affirmed. One appeal, which was dismissed by the High Court, was filed from Cachar against the decision of the Deputy Commissioner under Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Results of appeals as affecting persons.
Table Q.

83. The results of appeals during the past two years as affecting the persons convicted are given below :—

	Persons involved.	
	1893.	1894.
Appeals rejected	31	58
Sentences confirmed	20	7
„ enhanced	...	...
„ reduced or altered	13	10
„ reversed or quashed	11	6
New trial ordered	4	3

Results of admitted appeals.

84. The results of admitted appeals were as follows :—

	Percentage.			
	Jury Districts (*i e*, Assam Valley Districts).		Assessor Districts (*i.e.*, Sylhet and Cachar.)	
	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.
Order of Lower Court affirmed .	42·1	25·	41·3	27·8
Sentences reduced . . .	26·3	25·	27·6	44·4
„ reversed . . .	10 5	12·5	31·1	27·8
New trial ordered . . .	21·1	37·5	...	...

VIII.—APPELLATE COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT.

Appeals filed, decided, and pending.
Table M.

85. The following comparative table shows the number of appeals preferred to, decided by, and pending before Courts of Session and District Magistrates' Courts during the past two years :—

	Filed.		Decided.		Pending.	
	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.
Assam Valley Districts.						
Courts of Session . . .	204	149	200	149	7	7
„ of Magistrates . .	74	84	74	79	4	9
Surma Valley Districts.						
Courts of Session . . .	331	303	322	306	17	13
„ of Magistrates . .	337	323	338	287	18	53
Total .	946	859	934	821	46	82

The decrease in the number of appeals to Courts of Session occurred in all the districts and was most marked in Nowgong (26) and Sylhet (21). The increase shown in the number of appeals filed in District Magistrates' Courts in the Assam Valley Districts is contributed almost entirely by Darrang (16), Nowgong also showing an increase (of one); while the remaining districts show a slight falling off. In Sylhet there was a decrease of 35 and in Cachar an increase of 21.

86. The number of persons who appealed in 1894 was 1,600, or 31·3 per cent. of the total number of those on whom appealable sentences were passed. The corresponding percentage for 1893 was 36·2. The orders of the Lower Courts were upheld in the case of 884 or 57·3 per cent. of the number whose appeals were heard. The percentage in 1893 was 63·2. Ratio of appeals to persons having the right of appeal. *See Table O.*

The following statement shows in greater detail the results of the appeals decided during the past year:—

		Appeals rejected or sentence confirmed.	Sentence reduced or otherwise altered.	Sentence reversed or proceedings quashed.	New trial or further enquiry ordered.
Assam Valley Districts	Magistrates' Courts	90	34	53	1
	Courts of Session	130	39	55	1
Sylhet and Cachar	Magistrates' Courts	360	39	84	2
	Courts of Session	304	96	251	...
Total	Magistrates' Courts	450	73	137	3
	Courts of Session	434	135	306	1
	Grand Total	884	208	443	4

SUPERINTENDENCE, REFERENCE, AND REVISION.

IX.—THE HIGH COURT.

87. The number of Criminal cases from the Province of Assam dealt with by the High Court as a Court of Reference during the past year is shown below:— Number of cases. *Table R.*

	Pending, 1893.	Filed, 1894.	Disposed of, 1894.	Pending, 1894.
References under Section 374, Criminal Procedure Code	1	1	2	...
Total	1	1	2	...

88. No case under either Section 307 or Section 341 of the Code of Criminal Procedure was referred to the High Court during the year by any Court in the Province. References under Sections 307 and 341, Criminal Procedure Code.

References under Section 374, Criminal Procedure Code.

89. The case of only one person (from Sibsagar) was referred to the High Court during the past year under Section 374 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and the cases of two persons were pending from the previous year. The results of these cases have already been stated under the head "Punishments" at page 14.

References under Sections 435 and 438, Criminal Procedure Code.

90. Seventy-nine cases were dealt with by the High Court in the exercise of its powers of revision, of which 19 were referred under Section 438 of the Code by District Magistrates and Sessions Judges, and the remaining 60 were taken up by the Court under Section 435. In 1893, 30 cases were dealt with under Section 438, 44 under Section 435, and 5 under Section 526. Four cases were pending on the files at the close of 1894.

The 60 cases dealt with by the High Court under Section 435 concerned orders passed by the following officers :—

Judge of the Assam Valley Districts at Sibsagar . . .	1
Sessions Judge of Sylhet	1
Deputy Commissioner and other Subordinate Magistrates at Sylhet .	27
" " " " " Sibsagar .	10
" " " " " Goalpara .	8
" " " " " Cachar .	7
" " " " " Kamrup .	6
TOTAL .	60

Of the 19 references under Section 438 of the Code dealt with during the year, 8 were received from Sylhet, 4 from Kamrup, 2 each from Nowgong and Sibsagar, and one each from Goalpara, Lakhimpur, and Sibsagar.

Results of proceedings in revision as affecting cases.

91. The following statement shows in detail for each district the results (as affecting cases) of the proceedings in revision :—

		Affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	New trial ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.	TOTAL.
COURTS OF SESSION.	Assam Valley Districts . .	...	...	1	...	...	1
	Sylhet and Cachar	...	...	1	...	...	1
DISTRICT MAGISTRATES.	Assam Valley Districts . .	3	1	...	1	...	5
	Sylhet . .	2	2	...	...	...	4
	Cachar . .	1	1	...	...	...	2
OTHERS .	Assam Valley Districts . .	15	4	...	...	...	19
	Sylhet . .	14	6	...	3	...	23
	Cachar . .	2	3	.	...	.	5
	TOTAL .	37	17	2	4	...	60

The orders of the Lower Court were upheld in 61·6 per cent. of the cases decided in 1894, as compared with 44·6 per cent. in 1893, and reversed in 28·3 per cent., as compared with 29·7 per cent. in the preceding year.

Results of proceedings in revision as affecting persons.

92. The table below furnishes details of the results of proceedings in revision (as affecting persons convicted) during each of the last two years :—

	1893.	1894.
Applications rejected	44	63
Orders confirmed	17	44
Sentence enhanced	...	1
" reduced or altered	23	2
" reversed or quashed	38	50
New trial or further enquiry ordered	30	17
TOTAL .	152	177

X.—SUBORDINATE COURTS.

93. The following table shows for each of the last two years the number of applications for revision preferred to, decided by, and pending in, the Courts of Sessions Judges and District Magistrates:— Number of applications for revision preferred, disposed of, and pending. *Table N.*

		Preferred.		Decided.*		Pending.	
		1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.
Assam Valley Districts	Sessions Judge	72	47	68	55	8	...
	Magistrates	72	83	71	79	1	5
Sylhet and Cachar	Sessions Judge	160	146	155	151	14	9
	Magistrates	113	125	108	126	8	7
Total	Sessions Judges	232	193	223	206	22	9
	Magistrates	185	208	179	205	9	12

* Inclusive of cases pending from the previous year.

The decrease in the number of applications for revision made to Courts of Session in the Assam Valley Districts occurred in all the districts except Nowgong, where six applications were filed in the Sessions Court as against none in the previous year, and Sibsagar, where the number filed was the same as that in the preceding year. In the Sessions Court of Sylhet there was a decrease of 41, and of Cachar an increase of 27. There was a slight increase in the number of such applications made to Magistrates' Courts, which was common to all the districts except Goalpara, which shows a decrease of 5.

94. The following statement shows more fully the results of revision in the Subordinate Appellate Courts as affecting persons :— Results of revision as affecting persons. *Statement 6.*

		Applications rejected or orders confirmed.	Orders reversed or proceedings quashed.	New trial or further inquiry ordered.	Orders varied.	Referred to the High Court.
Courts of Session	Assam Valley Districts	77	...	33	...	16
	Sylhet and Cachar	316	...	51	...	12
District Magistrates	Assam Valley Districts	90	...	70	2	2
	Sylhet	343	49	122	6	1
	Cachar	28	...	6	...	...
Total		854	49	282	8	31

XI.—FINANCIAL.

95. The receipts and charges of all the Criminal Courts for the past two years were as follows:— Receipts and charges of the Criminal Courts.

	Receipts.	Charges.	Excess of charges over receipts.
	R	R	R
1893	1,46,713	2,19,308	72,595
1894	1,41,702	2,28,020	86,318
Decrease in receipts and increase in charges in 1894, as compared with 1893	5,011	8,712	13,723

Financial results.

96. In the Magistrates' Courts in the Assam Valley Districts, the excess of expenditure over receipts amounted to R50,958, as against R33,922 in 1893, and the excess of expenditure over receipts in Sylhet and Cachar amounted to R10,074. In 1893 there was a surplus of R1,476 in Sylhet and a deficit of R11,504 in Cachar. There was a decrease in receipts in all the districts except Lakhimpur and Cachar, which show an increase. The expenditure incurred rose in all the districts except Sibsagar and Cachar.

In the Sessions Courts, in the Assam Valley Districts, the receipts were R292, as compared with R610 in 1893, and in the Sessions Courts in Sylhet and Cachar they amounted to R1,590 in the past, as compared with R636 in the preceding year. The expenditure in the Sessions Courts in the Assam Valley Districts fell from R10,673 in 1893 to R8,533 in the past year, and that in the Sessions Courts in Sylhet and Cachar from R19,218 in 1893 to R18,635 in the year under review.

Receipts in detail.

97. The details of receipts in Magistrates' Courts given in the statement below show an increase under all the heads except "Fines." The receipts of Courts of Session show a decrease under the heads "Other fees" and "Miscellaneous Fees" and an increase under the head "Fines":—

	Stamps.				Cash.			
	Process fees.		Other fees.		Fines.		Miscellaneous (including copying and comparing) fees	
	1893.	1894	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894
	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Magistrates' Courts . . .	18,729	19,882	36,008	38,069	79,801	70,599	10,929	11,275
Courts of Session . . .	...	...	637	571	334	1,103	275	208
Total .	18,729	19,882	36,645	38,640	80,135	71,702	11,204	11,483

Charges in detail.

98. The following statement which gives details regarding the charges of the Criminal Courts for the past two years, shows that during 1894 there was an increase under the heads "Salaries of Judicial Officers" and "Establishment," and a decrease under the head "Contingencies, etc." :—

	Salaries of Judicial Officers.		Establishment.				Contingencies and refunds including fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment.	
			Process-servers.		Others.			
	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893	1894.	1893.	1894.
	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Magistrates' Courts . .	1,23,864	1,34,530	7,700	7,887	39,491	40,622	18,362	17,713
Courts of Session . .	23,920	21,134	...	...	3,292	3,869	2,679	2,165
Total .	1,47,784	1,55,664	7,700	7,887	42,783	44,491	21,041	19,878

99. The system under which copies of documents required by parties are prepared, brought in a surplus to the credit of Government of R2,336, as

compared with R2,104 realized in 1894. The following figures give the details :—

	R	R
Copying and comparing fees deposited by parties . . .		7,025
Salaries of copying and comparing clerks . .	277	
Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment	4,412	4,689
Surplus .		2,336

100. The "expedition fees" levied from parties in urgent need of copies are not included in this surplus, but are treated in the accounts as "Miscellaneous receipts."

101. The receipts and charges on account of the service of processes in the Criminal Courts in Assam are shown in the margin.* These figures exhibit a surplus of R11,995, as compared with R11,029, the profits realized in 1893.

	R
* Receipts	19,882
Charges	7,887
	11,995

No charge on account of the High Court is included in the tables given in this report.

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A

Showing the total Number of Offences reported and of Cases struck off as false in 1893 and 1894.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCES.	Number of offences reported.		Number of cases in which complaint was rejected.		Number of other cases struck off as false.		Cases accepted as true.	
	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.
Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII of the Indian Penal Code	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against the Public Tranquillity, Chapter VIII	771	676	149	93	33	53	589	530
Offences relating to Public Servants, Chapters IX and X	374	376	15	18	...	6	359	352
Offences against Public Justice and False Evidence, Chapter XI	316	350	8	19	2	1	306	330
Offences relating to Coins, Stamps, Weights and Measures, Chapters XII and XIII	64	58	1	2	1	2	62	54
Offences affecting Public Health, etc., and Religion, Chapters XIV and XV	252	290	43	45	4	4	205	241
Offences affecting the Human Body, Chapter XVI	8,608	8,596	2,574	2,521	208	257	5,826	5,818
Offences against Property, Chapter XVII	10,979	10,810	2,707	2,776	567	659	7,705	7,875
Miscellaneous Offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII	1,398	1,191	715	678	17	24	666	489
TOTAL OFFENCES UNDER THE PENAL CODE	22,762	22,347	6,212	6,152	832	1,006	15,718	15,189
Offences under Special Laws	8,658	8,765	637	606	49	52	7,972	8,107
GRAND TOTAL	31,420	31,112	6,849	6,758	881	1,058	23,690	23,296

A 1

Showing the Number of Cases brought to Trial, with the results of Trial, in 1893 and 1894.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCES.	Number of cases brought to trial during the year.		NUMBER OF PERSONS. Acquitted or discharged.		NUMBER OF PERSONS. Convicted.		Percentage convicted.	
	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.
Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII of the Indian Penal Code	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against the Public Tranquillity, Chapter VIII	499	490	474	747	1,484	1,450	75·7	65·9
Offences relating to Public Servants, Chapters IX and X	323	338	164	240	369	392	69·2	62 0
Offences against Public Justice and False Evidence, Chapter XI	270	283	103	129	216	220	67·7	63 3
Offences relating to Coins, Stamps, Weights and Measures, Chapters XII and XIII	54	52	22	20	35	39	61·4	66·1
Offences affecting Public Health, etc., and Religion, Chapters XIV and XV	175	215	55	71	176	229	76·1	76·3
Offences affecting the Human Body, Chapter XVI	3,868	3,364	2,693	2,778	2,367	2,324	46 7	45 5
Offences against Property, Chapter XVII	3,785	3,840	2,635	2,803	2,929	2,999	52·6	51·6
Miscellaneous Offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII	375	308	288	263	163	117	36 1	30 7
TOTAL OFFENCES UNDER THE PENAL CODE	8,849	8,890	6,434	7,051	7,739	7,770	54·6	52 4
Offences under Special Laws	6,227	6,206	1,863	2,272	6,122	6,173	76 6	73·0
GRAND TOTAL	15,076	15,096	8,297	9,323	13,861	13,943	62 5	59 9

B

Giving details of Comparative Table A for each District.

	DISTRICTS	Number of offences reported.		Number of cases in which complaint was rejected.		Number of other cases struck off as false		Cases accepted as true		Percentage accepted as true.	
		1893.	1894.	1893.	1894	1893	1894	1893	1894	1893	1894.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara . .	1,692	1,475	114	130	137	96	1,441	1,249	85·1	84·6
	Kamrup . .	2,911	2,793	715	579	85	83	2,111	2,131	72·5	76·2
	Nowgong . .	2,493	2,339	497	606	72	93	1,924	1,640	77·1	70·1
	Darrang . .	2,576	2,153	630	636	66	55	1,880	1,462	72·9	67·9
	Sibsagar . .	5,352	5,078	1,402	1,250	132	136	3,818	3,692	71·3	72·7
	Lakhimpur .	2,925	3,201	819	943	66	65	2,040	2,193	69·7	68·5
	Total .	17,949	17,039	4,177	4,144	558	528	13,214	12,367	95·9	72·5
Surma Valley Districts.	Sylhet . .	10,199	10,613	2,114	1,919	292	468	7,793	8,226	76·4	77·5
	Cachar . .	3,272	3,460	558	695	31	62	2,683	2,703	82·0	78·1
	Total .	13,471	14,073	2,672	2,614	323	530	10,476	10,929	97·0	77·6
	GRAND TOTAL .	31,420	31,112	6,849	6,758	881	1,058	23,690	23,296	75·3	74·8

B 1

Giving details of Comparative Table A 1 for each District.

	DISTRICTS	Number of cases brought to trial during the year		Number of persons. Acquitted or discharged		Number of persons. Convicted		Percentage convicted.	
		1893	1894	1893.	1894.	1893	1894.	1893.	1894.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara . .	1,099	948	468	402	1,018	816	68·6	66·9
	Kamrup . .	1,419	1,356	716	853	1,261	1,337	63·8	61·0
	Nowgong . .	1,001	940	914	932	982	982	51·7	51·3
	Darrang . .	938	815	412	411	926	760	69 2	64·9
	Sibsagar . .	2,629	2,540	872	736	2,498	2,503	74·1	77·2
	Lakhimpur . .	1,557	1,651	800	731	1,479	1,531	64·8	67·7
	Total .	8,643	8,250	4,182	4,065	8,164	7,932	66·1	66·1
Surma Valley Districts.	Sylhet . . .	4,869	5,188	2,136	4,054	4,476	4,848	58·5	54·4
	Cachar . . .	1,564	1,658	979	1,204	1,221	1,163	55·5	49·1
	Total .	6,433	6,846	4,115	5,258	5,697	6,011	58·0	53·3
	GRAND TOTAL .	15,076	15,096	8,297	9,323	13,861	13,943	62·5	59·9

C

Showing in detail the Number of Offences of each class returned as true in 1893 and 1894.

DISTRICTS.	Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII, Indian Penal Code.		Offences against the public tranquillity, Chapter VIII		Offences relating to public servants, Chapters IX and X.		Offences against public justice and false evidence, Chapter XI.		Offences relating to coins, stamps, weights and measures, Chapters XII and XIII.		Offences affecting the public health, etc., and religion Chapters XIV and XV.		Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI.		Offences against property, Chapter XVII.		Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII.		Total offences under the Penal Code.		Offences under Special Laws.		GRAND TOTAL.	
	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1884.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.
ASSAM VALLEY DISTRICTS.																								
Goalpara	...	...	23	16	21	9	27	18	4	...	10	10	175	181	460	394	29	20	749	648	692	601	1,441	1,249
Kamrup	...	...	17	26	19	47	51	30	12	6	12	44	541	574	609	643	104	86	1,365	1,456	746	675	2,111	2,131
Nowgong	...	...	5	6	14	22	14	24	2	2	12	9	755	622	567	479	55	31	1,424	1,195	500	445	1,924	1,640
Darrang	...	...	12	6	10	9	24	19	11	7	9	9	364	331	768	522	76	47	1,274	950	606	512	1,880	1,462
Sibsagor	...	...	20	25	26	33	48	46	8	5	52	71	726	658	1,028	977	168	107	2,076	1,922	1,742	1,770	3,818	3,692
Lakhimpur	...	...	11	13	25	26	24	31	7	3	16	9	407	410	669	638	37	29	1,196	1,159	844	1,034	2,040	2,193
TOTAL	...	...	88	92	115	146	188	168	44	23	111	152	2,968	2,776	4,101	3,653	469	320	8,084	7,330	5,130	5,037	13,214	12,367
SURMA VALLEY DISTRICTS.																								
Sylhet	...	...	425	357	190	182	87	122	8	19	79	85	2,353	2,456	2,651	2,667	164	148	5,957	6,036	1,836	2,190	7,793	8,226
Cachar	..	...	76	81	54	24	31	40	10	12	15	4	505	586	953	1,055	33	21	1,677	1,823	1,006	880	2,683	2,703
TOTAL	...	...	501	438	244	206	118	162	18	31	94	89	2,858	3,042	3,604	3,722	197	169	7,634	7,859	2,848	3,070	10,476	10,929
GRAND TOTAL	...	...	589	530	359	352	306	330	62	54	205	241	5,826	5,818	7,705	7,375	666	489	15,718	15,189	7,972	8,107	23,690	23,296

D

Showing in detail for each class the Number of Persons convicted in 1893 and 1894.

DISTRICTS.	Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII, Indian Penal Code.		Offences against the public tranquility, Chapter VIII.		Offences relating to public servants, Chapters IX and X.		Offences against public justice and false evidence, Chapter XI.		Offences relating to coins, stamps, weights and measures, Chapters XII and XIII.		Offences affecting the public health, etc., and religion, Chapters XIV and XV.		Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI.		Offences against property, Chapter XVII.		Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code Chapters XVIII to XXII.		Total offences under the Penal Code.		Offences under Special Laws.		GRAND TOTAL.	
	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.
ASSAM VALLEY DISTRICTS.																								
Goalpara	...	...	71	16	16	3	10	27	2	...	3	7	72	85	206	176	9	2	389	316	629	500	1,018	816
Kamrup	...	...	104	118	30	78	39	29	5	6	5	49	234	292	226	326	32	27	675	865	586	472	1,261	1,337
Nowgong	...	...	22	10	12	27	7	9	1	2	13	7	279	302	265	240	16	6	615	603	367	379	982	982
Darrang	...	...	40	21	8	15	17	13	9	4	4	13	132	105	256	174	21	7	487	352	439	408	926	760
Sibsagar	...	...	83	154	18	26	37	38	4	4	34	61	363	336	446	484	61	50	1,046	1,153	1,452	1,350	2,498	2,503
Lakhimpur	...	...	31	62	32	18	17	21	5	1	16	8	231	239	266	268	6	9	604	626	875	908	1,479	1,534
TOTAL	...	...	351	381	116	167	127	137	26	17	75	145	1.311	1,299	1,665	1,668	145	101	3,816	3,915	4,348	4,017	8,164	7,932
SURMA VALLEY DISTRICTS.																								
Sylhet	...	...	954	841	229	210	67	64	2	13	95	81	888	855	1,008	1,045	12	14	3,255	3,123	1,221	1,725	4,476	4,848
Cachar	...	...	179	228	24	15	22	19	7	9	6	3	168	170	256	286	6	2	668	732	553	431	1,221	1,163
TOTAL	...	...	1,133	1,069	255	225	89	83	9	22	101	84	1,056	1,025	1,264	1,331	18	16	3,923	3.855	1,774	2,156	5,697	6,011
GRAND TOTAL	...	...	1,484	1,450	369	392	216	220	35	39	176	229	2,367	2,324	2,929	2,999	163	117	7,739	7,770	6,122	6,173	13,861	13,943

E

Showing the Number of Cases brought to Trial during the year, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of Session and Courts of Magistrates in 1893 and 1894.

DISTRICTS.		Courts of Session.						Courts of Magistrates.					
		Brought to trial.		Disposed of.*		Pending.		Brought to trial.		Disposed of.*		Pending.	
		1893.	1894	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	7	7	6	8	1	...	1,099	950	1,130	936	10	23
	Kamrup	9	5	9	5	...	...	1,421	1,357	1,397	1,373	42	23
	Nowgong	3	4	5	4	...	...	1,001	940	988	943	21	17
	Darrang	6	7	7	7	...	...	939	819	925	821	19	14
	Sibsagar	12	13	13	13	...	...	2,632	2,550	2,645	2,544	20	24
	Lakhimpur	5	4	6	5	1	...	1,559	1,651	1,560	1,646	16	14
	Total	42	40	46	42	2	...	8,651	8,267	8,645	8,263	128	115
Surma Valley Districts.	Sylhet	52	79	55	76	9	11	4,879	5,199	4,855	5,204	143	126
	Cachar	14	14	15	11	4	7	1,573	1,666	1,532	1,611	93	145
	Total	66	93	70	87	13	18	6,452	6,865	6,387	6,815	236	271
GRAND TOTAL		108	133	116	129	15	18	15,103	15,132	15,032	15,078	364	386

*Omitting cases in which accused died, escaped, or were transferred.

F

Showing the Number of Miscellaneous Proceedings under the Code of Criminal Procedure disposed of during 1894.

DISTRICTS.		Proceedings against witnesses under Chapter VIII, and Section 485.	Proceedings under Chapter VIII to prevent breach of the peace.	Proceedings under Chapter VIII, security for good behaviour.	Proceedings against local nuisances, Chapter X.	Possession, Chapter XII.	Non-attendance of Jurors or Assessors, Chapter XXIII, Section 332.	Maintenance, Chapter XXXVI.	Forfeiture of bail or recognizance under Chapter XLII.	Frivolous or vexatious complaints summarily dealt with under Chapter XLVI, Section 560.	Total of Persons.
		Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons	Cases	Persons	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	...	9	3	...	2	1	1	26	...	40
	Kamrup	...	52	8	2	3	2	13	81	23	181
	Nowgong	...	4	1	...	...	...	7	61	16	89
	Darrang	...	15	1	...	..	5	9	12	9	51
	Sibsagar	...	25	1	4	2	7	30	30	4	101
	Lakhimpur	...	14	...	7	2	...	20	14	5	60
	Total	...	119	14	13	9	15	80	224	57	522
Surma Valley Districts.	Sylhet	...	942	181	70	6	...	12	85	50	1,340
	Cachar	...	63	9	4	2	...	3	32	11	122
	Total	...	1,005	190	74	8	...	15	117	61	1,462
GRAND TOTAL		...	1,124	204	87	17	15	95	341	118	1,984

G

Showing the results of Trials in the Courts of Session in 1894 (as affecting Persons).

DISTRICTS.		Number of persons under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred.	Remaining under trial.	Number per cent. of persons entered in columns 3 and 4 who were convicted.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara . .	15	11	4	...	...	...	26·6
	Kamrup . .	5	...	5	...	...	...	100·0
	Nowgong . .	8	1	7	...	...	...	87·5
	Darrang . .	16	2	14	...	...	...	87·5
	Sibsagar . .	20	9	10	1	...	...	50·0
	Lakhimpur .	5	1	4	...	...	...	80·0
	Total .	69	24	44	1	...	...	66·1
Surma Valley Districts.	Sylhet . .	172	73	87	...	1	11	54·3
	Cachar . .	26	6	13	...	...	7	68·4
	Total .	198	79	100	..	1	18	55·8
GRAND TOTAL .		267	103	144	1	1	18	58·8

H

Showing the results of Trials in the Courts of Magistrates in 1894 (as affecting Persons).

DISTRICTS.		Number of persons under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.	Died, escaped or transferred.	Remaining under trial.	Number per cent. of persons entered in columns 3 and 4 who were convicted.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara . .	1,262	391	812	14	4	41	67·4
	Kamrup . .	2,290	853	1,332	45	3	57	60·9
	Nowgong . .	1,955	931	975	8	1	40	51·1
	Darrang . .	1,201	409	746	21	3	22	64·5
	Sibsagar . .	3,281	727	2,490	31	3	30	77·4
	Lakhimpur .	2,292	730	1,530	4	8	20	67 6
	Total .	12,281	4,011	7,885	123	22	210	66·1
Surma Valley Districts.	Sylhet . .	9,140	3,981	4,761	171	22	205	54·4
	Cachar . .	2,642	1,198	1,150	31	6	257	48·9
	Total .	11,782	5,179	5,911	202	28	462	53·3
GRAND TOTAL .		24,063	9,220	13,796	325	50	672	59·9

I

Showing in detail the Number of Persons who were awaiting trial in the Courts of Magistrates at the end of 1894.

DISTRICTS.		Criminal lunatics.	Number of persons				Of the persons entered in columns 3 to 6 under trial.				
			In custody.	On bail.	On recognizance.	Otherwise.	Not exceeding one month.	Over one month.	Over two months.	Over three months.	Over six months.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	...	9	20	12	...	36	...	...	...	5
	Kamrup	2	5	40	10	...	50	4	...	...	1
	Nowgong	2	...	24	14	...	33	1	1	3	...
	Darrang	2	7	12	1	...	14	6	...	...	...
	Sibsagar	5	1	17	6	1	24	1	...	...	...
	Lakhimpur	...	2	18	...	...	20	...	...	...	...
	Total	11	24	131	43	1	177	12	1	3	6
Surma Valley Districts.	Sylhet	30	6	168	...	1	150	21	4	...	...
	Cachar	5	11	200	36	5	127	106	12	7	...
	Total	35	17	368	36	6	277	127	16	7	...
GRAND TOTAL		46	41	499	79	7	454	139	17	10	6

J

Showing the Number of Witnesses examined and the Amount paid as Expenses in the Courts of Session and Magistrates' Courts in 1893 and 1894.

DISTRICTS.		Number of witnesses examined.				Amount paid as expenses.			
		Courts of Session.		Magistrates' Courts.		Courts of Session.		Magistrates' Courts.	
		1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.
						R	R	R	R
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	30	37	2,766	2,134	74	156	192	556
	Kamrup	24	...	3,999	3,989	...	...	12	47
	Nowgong	24	23	4,564	2,819	...	...	33	9
	Darrang	53	42	2,411	2,037	...	...	14	66
	Sibsagar	61	86	6,686	5,816	24	105	82	88
	Lakhimpur	18	28	4,278	3,987	...	...	169	254
	Total	210	216	24,704	20,782	98	261	502	1,020
Surma Valley Districts.	Sylhet	427	465	18,674	21,801	1,002	1,182	236	322
	Cachar	141	104	4,714	4,845	387	111	79	125
	Total	568	569	23,388	26,646	1,389	1,293	315	447
GRAND TOTAL		778	785	48,092	47,428	1,487	1,554	817	1,467

K

Showing the detention of Witnesses in the Courts of Session and Courts of Magistrates in 1894.

DISTRICTS.		NUMBER OF WITNESSES DISCHARGED AND THE PERCENTAGE ON THE TOTAL NUMBER IN ATTENDANCE SO DISCHARGED.															
		COURTS OF SESSION.								MAGISTRATES' COURTS.							
		On the 1st day.		On the 2nd day.		On the 3rd day.		After the 3rd day.		On the 1st day.		On the 2nd day.		On the 3rd day.		After the 3rd day.	
		Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage	Number.	Percentage.
ASSAM VALLEY DISTRICTS.	Goalpara	62	82·7	13	17·3	...	...	...	...	2,563	82·2	409	13·1	94	3·01	53	1·6
	Kamrup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,070	78·3	915	17·6	132	2·5	82	1 6
	Nowgong	26	72·3	10	27·7	...	...	...	...	2,011	81·6	502	14·1	143	4·0	9	·3
	Darrang	58	100·	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,119	88·1	228	9·5	51	2·1	8	·3
	Sibsagar	97	72 9	20	15·0	16	12·1	...	...	5,660	84·2	910	13·5	150	2·3	...	...
	Lakhimpur	30	100·	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,919	83 7	637	13·5	90	1·9	46	·9
	TOTAL	273	82 2	43	12 9	16	4·9	...	...	21,272	82·8	3,601	13·8	660	2·6	198	·8
SURMA VALLEY DISTRICTS.	Sylhet	497	54·7	346	38 1	65	7·2	...	...	25,488	80·4	5,574	17·6	592	1·9	39	·1
	Cachar	157	64·9	70	28·9	15	6·2	...	...	5,889	79·2	1,152	15 5	346	4·5	54	·7
	TOTAL	654	56·9	416	36 2	80	6·9	...	...	31,377	80·2	6,726	17·2	938	2·4	93	·2
GRAND TOTAL		927	62·5	459	31·	96	6·5	...	...	52,649	81·2	10,327	15·9	1,598	2·4	291	·5

L

Showing the total Amount of Fines imposed in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction by the Criminal Courts in 1893 and 1894, the Amount realized, and the Amount paid by way of compensation.

DISTRICTS.		COURTS OF SESSION.						MAGISTRATES' COURTS					
		Total amount of fines.		Amount realized.		Amount paid by way of compensation.		Total amount of fines.		Amount realized.		Amount paid by way of compensation.	
		1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.
		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
ASSAM VALLEY DISTRICTS.	Goalpara	...	15	14	15	...	...	5,955	4,662	5,412	3,877	672	452
	Kamrup	65	...	...	...	...	...	8,126	5,691	7,564	6,558	1,383	1,651
	Nowgong	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,577	4,[illegible]13	6,621	4,337	941	933
	Darrang	—	...	...	...	...	...	4,725	2,596	3,933	2,670	830	581
	Sibsagar	10	300	10	270	...	270	16,820	14,801	16,817	13,552	3,958	3,653
	Lakhimpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,152	8,094	6,656	7,834	2,657	2,454
	TOTAL	75	315	24	285	...	270	50,355	40,357	47,003	38,828	10,441	9,724
SURMA VALLEY DISTRICTS.	Sylhet	50	100	50	994	...	...	36,229	30,090	31,791	28,913	2,802	2,115
	Cachar	...	500	...	29	...	...	12,631	12,233	9,115	11,454	1,143	1,827
	TOTAL	50	600	50	1,023	...	...	48,860	42,323	40,906	40,367	3,945	3,942
GRAND TOTAL		125	915	74	1,308	...	270	99,215	82,680	87,909	79,195	14,386	13,666

L 1

Showing particulars of Whippings inflicted in 1894 by the Criminal Tribunals in each District in Assam.

Districts.	I.—In lieu of other punishments (Sections 2 and 3, Act VI of 1864). Number of stripes. 5 and under. 1st conviction.	5 and under. 2nd or subsequent conviction.	6 to 10. 1st conviction.	6 to 10. 2nd or subsequent conviction.	11 to 15. 1st conviction.	11 to 15. 2nd or subsequent conviction.	16 to 20. 1st conviction.	16 to 20. 2nd or subsequent conviction.	21 to 25. 1st conviction.	21 to 25. 2nd or subsequent conviction.	26 to 30. 1st conviction.	26 to 30. 2nd or subsequent conviction.	Total.	II.—In addition to other punishments (Sections 3 and 4, Act VI of 1864). 5 and under.	6 to 10.	11 to 15.	16 to 20.	21 to 25.	26 to 30.	Total.	III.—Inflicted under section 5, Act VI of 1864, on juveniles for offences other than those specified in Parts I and II. 5 and under 1st conviction.	5 and under 2nd or subsequent conviction.	6 to 10. 1st conviction.	6 to 10. 2nd or subsequent conviction.	11 to 15. 1st conviction.	11 to 15. 2nd or subsequent conviction.	16 to 20. 1st conviction.	16 to 20. 2nd or subsequent conviction.	21 to 25. 1st conviction.	21 to 25. 2nd or subsequent conviction.	26 to 30. 1st conviction.	26 to 30. 2nd or subsequent conviction.	Total.	Showing the relative number of times whipping was awarded as compared with other punishments in cases in which whipping might have been awarded. 1. Total number of whippings awarded.	2. Total number of other punishments in cases in which whipping might have been awarded.	3. Total number of all punishments in cases in which whipping might have been awarded (totals of headings 1 and 2).	4. Percentage of whippings on total number of all punishments (percentage of heading 1 on heading 3).
Assam Valley Districts. Goalpara	...	...	...	...	5	...	22	...	...	...	...	...	27	...	...	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	30	77	107	28·0
Kamrup	2	.	..	...	5	..	9	...	2	...	...	...	18	...	..	1	...	..	...	1	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	19	169	188	10·1
Nowgong	...	...	5	...	11	..	5	...	2	...	...	...	23	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	24	89	113	21·2
Darrang	..	...	12	...	15	1	8	...	2	...	2	...	40	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	..	2	43	81	124	34·6
Sibsagar	1	...	6	1	22	...	20	...	1	...	1	...	52	...	2	2	2	1		7	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	1	...	1	60	335	395	15·1
Lakhimpur	1	...	7	...	6	...	7	...	1	...	2	...	24	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	2	27	152	179	15·0
Total	4	...	30	1	64	1	71	..	8	...	5	..	184	...	2	6	3	1	2	14	...	...	...	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	5	203	903	1,106	18·3
Surma Valley Districts. Sylhet	...	...	24	..	43	1	18	...	18	1	1	2	108	...	...	2	3	5	...	10	...	...	1	...	3	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	4	122	630	752	16·2
Cachar	..	...	3	...	12	...	13	1	1	...	4	...	34	...	...	...	3	...	2	5	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	234	273	14·2
Total	...	...	27	...	55	1	31	1	19	1	5	2	142	...	...	2	6	5	2	15	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...		4	161	864	1,025	15·7
GRAND TOTAL	4	...	57	1	119	2	102	1	27	1	10	2	326	...	2	8	9	6	4	29	...	...	1	1	5	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	9	364	1,767	2,131	17·0

M

Showing the Number of Appeals (Cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of District Magistrates and Sessions Judges in 1893 and 1894.

DISTRICTS.	1893.						1894.					
	PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.		PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session	Magistrates' Courts	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.
ASSAM VALLEY DISTRICTS.												
Goalpara .	34	3	31	4	3	...	19	1	21	1	1	...
Kamrup .	53	14	53	14	1	...	50	11	48	11	3	...
Nowgong .	42	31	42	29	...	2	16	32	16	31	...	3
Darrang .	21	6	22	8	...	...	17	22	15	16	2	6
Sibsagar .	30	20	30	18	1	2	24	15	24	17	1	...
Lakhimpur	24	...	22	1	2	...	23	3	25	3	...	...
TOTAL .	204	74	200	74	7	4	149	84	149	79	7	9
SURMA VALLEY DISTRICTS.												
Sylhet .	237	275	230	268	13	18	216	240	219	254	10	3
Cachar .	94	62	92	70	4	...	87	83	87	33	3	50
TOTAL .	331	337	322	338	17	18	303	323	306	287	13	53
GRAND TOTAL .	535	411	522	412	24	22	452	407	455	366	20	62

N

Showing the Number of Applications for Revision (Cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the Courts of District Magistrates and Sessions Judges in 1893 and 1894.

DISTRICTS.	1893.						1894.					
	PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.		PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.
ASSAM VALLEY DISTRICTS.												
Goalpara .	9	9	7	8	3	1	2	4	5	5	...	...
Kamrup .	34	20	30	20	4	...	25	27	29	25	...	2
Nowgong .	...	17	...	17	...	...	6	18	6	17	.	1
Darrang .	16	5	18	5	...	...	3	7	3	7	...	...
Sibsagar .	9	14	9	14	1	..	9	18	10	16	...	2
Lakhimpur	4	7	4	7	...	...	2	9	2	9	...	...
TOTAL .	72	72	68	71	8	1	47	83	55	79	...	5
SURMA VALLEY DISTRICTS.												
Sylhet .	140	91	135	86	14	8	99	99	106	102	7	5
Cachar .	20	22	20	22	...	...	47	26	45	24	2	2
TOTAL .	160	113	155	108	14	8	146	125	151	126	9	7
GRAND TOTAL .	232	185	223	179	22	9	193	208	206	205	9	12

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Showing the Number of Persons whose cases came before the Courts of Sessions Judges and of District Magistrates on Appeal or Application for Revision, with the results as affecting the orders of the Lower Courts.

	DISTRICTS.	Appeals.				Applications for Revision.			
		Number of persons who appealed.	Ratio per cent of persons appealing to persons in respect of whom appealable orders were passed.	Number of appellants in whose cases the sentences or orders were confirmed.	Ratio per cent. of affirmed to decided.	Number of applicants for revision.	Ratio per cent. of applicants for revision to persons in respect of whom orders were passed	Number of applicants whose applications were rejected, or in whose cases the orders were confirmed.	Ratio per cent of rejected to disposed of.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara .	34	26·9	19	61·2	22	1·7	22	84 6
	Kamrup .	109	28·3	52	48·5	24	1·01	87	66·9
	Nowgong .	94	17·2	49	51 5	26	1·3	16	59·2
	Darrang .	63	37·2	15	27·7	18	1·4	5	20·8
	Sibsagar .	78	13·0	63	78·7	5	0·1	25	45·4
	Lakhimpur .	34	7 5	22	61·1	16	0·6	12	42·8
	Total .	412	18·1	220	54·5	111	0·89	167	57·5
Surma Valley Districts.	Sylhet .	877	37·4	555	60·92	242	2·6	585	71·3
	Cachar .	311	63·4	109	47·8	81	3·3	102	89·4
	Total .	1,188	41 9	664	58·2	323	2·8	687	73·5
	GRAND TOTAL .	1,600	31·3	884	57·3	434	1·8	854	69·7

N.B.—Besides these there were 834 accused persons against whom applications were made by the complainants.

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Showing the Number of Appeals and Applications for Revision (cases) preferred, disposed of, and pending in the High Court in 1893 and 1894.

	DISTRICTS.	Appeals.						Applications for Revision.					
		Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending.		Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.	1893.	1894.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara .	3	1	3	1	...	...	6	10	8	9	...	1
	Kamrup .	6	2	5	2	1	1	8	9	7	10	1	...
	Nowgong .	5	...	5	...	...	...	2	2	2	2	...	...
	Darrang .	3	4	4	4	...	...	4	...	4	...	...	...
	Sibsagar .	5	8	5	9	1	...	15	12	14	13	1	...
	Lakhimpur	5	3	5	3	...	...	4	1	4	1	...	...
	Total .	27	18	27	19	2	1	39	34	39	35	2	1
Surma Valley Districts.	Sylhet .	19	25	21	23	...	2	30	36	32	36	1	1
	Cachar .	9	7	9	7	...	...	5	8	3	8	2	2
	Total .	28	32	30	30	...	2	35	44	35	44	3	3
	GRAND TOTAL	55	50	57	49	2	3	74	78	74	79	5	4

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Showing the result as affecting Persons of Appeals and Applications for Revision in the High Court in 1894.

DISTRICTS.	Appeals.						Applications for Revision.					
	Rejected.	Sentence affirmed.	Sentence reversed.	Sentence varied.	Further enquiry ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.	Rejected.	Order affirmed.	Order reversed.	Order varied.	Further enquiry ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.
Assam Valley Districts. Goalpara	...	...	1	...	...	...	6	1	9	...	1	...
Kamrup	2	...	...	...	...	...	14	25	4	...	...	...
Nowgong	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...
Darrang	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lakhimpur	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Sibsagar	10	2	...	2	...	...	12	2	7	1	1	...
Total	18	2	1	2	3	...	32	29	25	1	2	...
Surma Valley Districts. Sylhet	28	4	5	8	...	...	26	10	16	2	15	...
Cachar	12	1	...	...	...	...	5	5	9	...	...	...
Total	40	5	5	8	...	...	31	15	25	2	15	...
GRAND TOTAL	58	7	6	10	3	...	63	44	50	3	17	...

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Criminal Business coming before the High Court from the Province of Assam in 1894 (Appellate Jurisdiction).

Description of Cases.	Remaining in 1893.	Filed in 1894.	Disposed of in 1894.	Remaining at the close of 1894.
Appeals.				
By persons convicted: From the orders of Presidency Magistrates	...	...	...	...
By persons convicted: Deputy Commissioners acting under Section 34, Criminal Procedure Code	...	2	2	...
By persons convicted: Sessions Judges	2	48	47	3
By the Local Government: From the Judgments of acquittals of all Courts	...	...	...	...
Total	2	50	49	3
References.				
Cases in which the Sessions Judges dissented from the verdict of the Jury and referred under Section 307, Criminal Procedure Code	...	...	...	...
Cases in which sentences of death passed by Sessions Judges were referred for confirmation under Section 374, Criminal Procedure Code	1	1	2	...
Cases in which proceedings held against persons who cannot understand them are referred for orders under Section 341, Criminal Procedure Code	...	...	...	...
Total	1	1	2	...
Revisions.				
Cases referred for revision by District Magistrates and Sessions Judges under Section 438, Criminal Procedure Code	3	16	19	...
Cases dealt with by the Court under Section 435, Criminal Procedure Code:—				
(1) Cases decided by Magistrates	2	60	58	4
(2) " " " Sessions Judges	...	2	2	...
Cases dealt with under Section 526, Criminal Procedure Code	...	...	...	...
Total	5	78	79	4
Full Bench References	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous Orders in Court	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL	8	129	130	7

N.B.—Besides the above, 37 orders were passed out of Court on review of periodical Criminal Returns and Sessions Statements.

Receipts and Charges of the Criminal Courts, 1894.

DISTRICTS.	RECEIPTS.						CHARGES.							Results *plus* or *minus*.
	In Court-fee Stamps		In Cash or Special Stamps.			Total.	Share of officers' salary debitable to Criminal Justice.	Establishment.			Contingencies.		Total.	
	Process fees	Other fees	Fines.	Copying and comparing fees.	Other receipts credited to Government.			Process-servers.	Salaried copying and comparing clerks.	Others.	Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment.	Other contingencies and refunds.		
	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Assam Valley Districts. Goalpara	1,077	2,186	3,587	901	816	8,567	8,471	334	...	4,528	601	1,691	15,625	—7,058
Kamrup	1,588	3,644	5,035	442	580	11,289	19,243	536	...	3,957	309	953	24,998	—13,709
Nowgong	1,203	2,598	4,534	129	170	8,634	8,422	480	...	4,226	85	943	14,156	—5,522
Darrang	823	2,092	2,219	131	560	5,825	14,743	408	...	3,411	88	1,762	20,412	—14,587
Sibsagar	2,614	4,530	10,002	703	13	17,862	17,032	1,224	...	4,463	469	1,560	24,748	—6,886
Lakhimpur	1,419	2,971	5,545	289	...	10,224	16,003	519	...	3,855	192	1,092	21,661	—11,437
Total	8,724	18,021	30,922	2,595	2,139	62,401	83,914	3,501	...	24,440	1,744	8,001	1,21,600	—59,199
Surma Valley Districts. Sylhet	8,584	14,569	29,292	3,499	2,284	58,228	55,068	3,452	...	12,304	2,141	4,553	77,518	—19,290
Cachar	2,574	6,050	11,483	931	35	21,073	16,682	934	277	7,470	527	3,012	28,902	—7,829
Total	11,158	20,619	40,775	4,430	2,319	79,301	71,750	4,386	277	19,774	2,668	7,565	1,06,420	—27,119
Courts of Magistrates	19,882	38,069	70,594	6,817	4,458	1,39,820	1,34,530	7,887	277	40,345	4,274	13,539	2,00,852	—61,032
Courts of Session	...	571	1,103	208	...	1,882	21,134	...	...	3,869	138	2,027	27,168	—25,286
GRAND TOTAL	19,882	38,640	71,697	7,025	4,458	1,41,702	1,55,664	7,887	277	44,214	4,412	15,566	2,28,020	—86,318

Annual Statement 1—(Criminal).

Statement showing the number of Judicial Divisions and of Officers exercising jurisdiction in Criminal Cases in the Province of Assam on the last day of the year, the work done, and the Receipts and Charges of the Criminal Courts in 1894.

Districts.		Area.	Population.	Number of Sessions Divisions.	Number of Divisions or Districts (including Sudder Division)	Total number of officers: Judges of the High Court.	Total number of officers: Sessions Judges of all grades.	Total number of officers: Magistrates of all grades: Stipendiary.	Total number of officers: Magistrates of all grades: Special and Honorary.	Number of Benches of Magistrates.	Number of Criminal Cases originally decided: By the High Court	By Courts of Session.	By District Magistrates	By other Stipendiary Magistrates.	By Special and Honorary Magistrates.	By Bench of Magistrates	Number of Criminal Cases decided on Appeal: By the High Court	By the Courts of Session	By District Magistrates or other Magistrates empowered.	Total receipts of the Criminal Courts.	Total charges of the Criminal Courts.
																				R	R
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	3,954	452,304	1	2	...	1	4	...	...	...	8	41	895	...	...	1	21	1	8,567	15,625
	Kamrup	3,660	634,249		2	...		6	1	...	...	5	27	1,299	47	...	2	48	11	11,289	24,998
	Nowgong	3,260	344,462		1	...		3	3	...	...	4	86	444	413	...	...	16	31	8,634	14,156
	Darrang	3,416	307,440		2	...		5	1	...	..	7	55	766	...	...	4	15	16	5,825	20,412
	Lakhimpur	3,724	254,053		2	...		5	2	...	...	5	122	1,523	1	..	3	25	3	10,224	21,661
	Sibsagar	2,855	457,274		3	...		8	4	..	2	13	85	2,411	48	...	9	24	17	17,862	24,748
	Total	20,869	2,449,782	1	12	...	1	31	11	...	2	42	416	7,338	509	...	19	149	79	62,401	1,21,600
Surma Valley Districts.	Sylhet	5,414	2,154,593	1	5	...	1	18	5	1	...	76	25	4,896	245	38	23	219	254	58,228	77,518
	Cachar	2,472	367,542		2	...		12	...	..	...	11	69	1,542	...	...	7	87	33	21,073	28,902
	Total	7,886	2,522,135	1	7	...	1	30	5	1	...	87	94	6,438	245	38	30	306	287	79,301	1,06,420
	GRAND TOTAL	28,755	4,971,917	2	19	...	2	61	16	1	2	129	510	13,776	754	38	49	455	366	1,41,702	2,28,020

Annual Statement 2—(Criminal).

Statement of offences reported and of persons tried, convicted, and acquitted of each offence in the Province of Assam in the year 1894.

Nomenclature of Offences with Chapter and Section of the Penal Code or other Law applicable.	Number of cases.					Number of persons				
	Offences reported.	Complaints dismissed under Section 203, C. P. C.	Other cases struck off as false.	Balance returned as true.	Brought to trial during the year.	Under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped, or transferred.	Remaining under trial at the close of the year.
				1.—Offences under the Penal Code.						
Offences against the State.										
Chapter VI, Sections, 121 to 130	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against the Army and Navy.										
Chapter VII, Sections 131 to 140	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against the Public Tranquillity.										
Chapter VIII, Sections 143 to 145, 149 to 151, 157, 158—Unlawful Assembly	249	59	20	170	155	715	212	488	1	14
" " " 147, 148, 152, and 153 to 156—Rioting, etc.	396	33	33	330	316	1,594	525	930	5	134
" " Section 160—Affray	31	1	...	30	19	42	10	32	...	...
Offences by or relating to Public Servants.										
Chapter IX, Sections 161 to 169—By Public Servants	8	1	...	7	5	12	8	3	...	1
" " " 161, 170, and 171—Relating to Public Servants	5	2	...	3	2	2	1	1	...	...
Contempts of the Lawful Authority of Public Servants.										
Chapter X, Sections 172 to 190	363	15	6	342	331	627	231	388	3	5
False Evidence and Offences against Public Officers.										
Chapter XI, Sections 193 to 200—False evidence, subornation, etc., of public servants	70	3	1	66	58	71	39	26	...	6
" " " 201 to 229—Offences against public justice	280	16	...	264	225	294	90	194	2	8
Offences relating to Coin and Government Stamps.										
Chapter XII, Sections 231 to 254—Offences relating to coin	20	...	2	18	15	18	7	11	...	...
" " " 255 to 263—Offences relating to stamps	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences relating to Weights and Measures.										
Chapter XIII, Sections 264 to 267	38	2	...	36	37	43	13	28	...	2
Offences affecting the Public Health, Safety, Convenience, Decency and Morals.										
Chapter XIV, Sections 269 to 278—Offences affecting public health	90	7	2	81	76	112	16	96	...	...
" " " 279 to 289— " " safety	92	28	...	64	49	60	31	29	...	...
" " " 290 and 291— " " convenience	92	3	1	88	85	121	24	97	...	...
" " " 292 to 294— " " decency and morals	4	...	...	4	3	7	...	7	...	...
" " Section 294A—Keeping lottery office or publishing proposals for lottery	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Offences relating to Religion.										
Chapter, XV Sections 295 to 298	11	6	1	4	2	4	...	...	...	4
Offences affecting the Human Body.										
Chapter XVI, Sections 302 and 303—Murder	25	...	1	24	19	77	62	4	1	10
" " Section 307—Attempt at murder	3	...	...	3	3	3	...	3	...	...
" " " 304—Culpable homicide	29	...	3	26	22	49	26	14	1	8
" " " 304A—Causing death by rash or negligent act	10	...	1	9	9	13	8	5	...	...
" " " 308—Attempt at culpable homicide	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Sections 305 and 306—Abetment of suicide	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Section 309—Attempted suicide	34	2	...	32	27	31	11	15	3	2
" " " 311—Thuggee, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Sections 312 to 315—Causing miscarriage	5	2	1	2	2	3	3	...	...	...
" " Section 316—Injury to unborn children	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " " 317—Exposure of infants	9	5	2	2	2	2	...	2	...	...
" " " 318—Concealment of birth by secret disposal of dead body	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Sections 325 to 331 and 333—Hurt with aggravating circumstances	92	3	4	85	72	166	55	88	1	22
" " " 323, 324, 332, and 334 to 338—Other cases	1,417	202	30	1,185	711	1,166	606	534	...	26
" " Section 341—Wrongful restraint	123	52	3	68	50	86	49	31	...	6
" " Sections 342 to 348—Wrongful confinement	639	246	58	335	172	365	249	104	...	12
" " " 352 to 358—Criminal force or assault	5,909	1,880	117	3,912	2,211	3,214	1,638	1,503	3	70
" " " 364, 366, 367—Kidnapping or forcible abduction with aggravating circumstances	14	7	2	5	2	6	...	1	...	5
" " " 363, 365, 368 and 369—Other cases	225	118	11	96	38	67	48	14	...	5
" " " 370 and 371—Slavery	1	...	...	1	1	4	4	...	...	...
" " " 372 and 373—Buying or selling a minor for the purpose of prostitution	2	...	...	2	1	3	3	...	...	...
" " Section 374,—Forced labour	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...
" " " 376,—Rape	39	4	21	14	16	16	13	3	...	...
" " " 377,—Unnatural offence	18	...	3	15	5	6	2	3	...	1
Offences against Property.										
Chapter XVII, Section 382—Theft with aggravating circumstances	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Sections 379 to 381 and 401—Other cases	4,485	850	388	3,247	1,615	2,477	1,010	1,382	6	79
" " " 386 to 389—Extortion with aggravating circumstances	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " " 384 and 385—Other cases	92	50	5	37	35	73	54	15	1	3
" " Section 394— Robbery — With hurt	3	...	...	3	3	6	4	2	...	...
" " " 392— Robbery — Other cases	26	2	5	19	11	23	19	3	...	1
" " " 393— Robbery — Attempt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " " 396— Dacoity — With murder	1	...	...	1	1	6	6	...	...	...
" " " 397— Dacoity — With attempt to cause death or grievous hurt	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " " 398— Dacoity — Attempted robbery or dacoity when armed with deadly weapons	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Sections 395, 399, 400 & 402— Dacoity — Other cases	6	...	1	5	5	29	8	14	1	6
" " " 403 and 404—Criminal misappropriation of property	382	226	4	152	91	128	78	42	...	8
" " " 406 to 409—Criminal breach of trust	374	133	18	223	128	170	93	64	2	11
" " " 411 to 414—Receiving or habitually dealing in stolen or plundered property	386	5	9	372	370	602	172	412	2	16
" " " 417 to 420—Cheating	307	183	8	116	85	123	80	36	3	4
" " " 421 to 424—Fraudulent deeds or disposition of property	5	4	...	1	1	2	...	2	...	...

Statement of offences reported and of persons tried, convicted, and acquitted of each offence in the Province of Assam in the year 1894—contd.

Nomenclature of Offences with Chapter and Section of the Penal Code or other Law applicable.	Number of cases.					Number of persons				
	Offences reported.	Complaints dismissed under Section 203, C. P. C.	Other cases struck off as false.	Balance returned as true.	Brought to trial during the year.	Under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped, or transferred.	Remaining under trial at the close of the year.
				I.—Offences under the Penal Code—(*contd.*).						
Offences against Property—contd.										
Chapter XVII, Sections 429 to 433 and 435 to 440— Mischief . With aggravating circumstances.	358	55	22	281	109	167	96	62	1	8
" " " 426 to 428 and 434— Mischief . Other cases	1,555	652	23	880	609	908	551	337	1	19
" " " 459 and 460— Criminal trespass. Resulting in death or grievous hurt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " " 449 to 452, 454, 455, 457, and 458— Criminal trespass. For commission of serious offences	1,360	4	133	1,223	257	390	119	259	2	10
" " " 447, 448, 453, 456, 461, and 462— Criminal trespass. Other cases	1,466	611	43	812	520	918	513	369	2	34
Offences relating to Documents and to Trade or Property Mark.										
Chapter XVIII, Sections 465 to 471 and 474—Forgery or uttering or possessing forged documents or papers	12	4	...	8	10	14	9	1	..	4
" " " 472 to 476—Counterfeiting or making or possessing a counterfeit seal, etc., for purposes of forgery	1	...	...	1	1	2	2	...	...	...
" " Section 477—Fraudulently destroying or defacing a Will or other document	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Sections 482, 486, 487, and 488—Using a false trade or property mark and knowingly selling property so marked	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " " 483 to 485—Counterfeiting or making or possessing a die plate or instrument for counterfeiting trade or property mark	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" " Section 489—Removing, destroying, etc., a trade or property mark with intent to cause injury	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Criminal Breach of Contracts and Service.										
Chapter XIX, Sections 490 to 492	9	2	...	7	3	4	1	3	...	...
Offences relating to Marriage.										
Chapter XX, Sections 493 to 498	596	255	17	224	125	151	119	24	...	8
Defamation.										
Chapter XXI, Sections 500 to 502	188	120	3	65	47	63	48	11	...	4

Criminal Intimidation, Insult or Annoyance.										
Chapter XXII, Section 506—The threat being to cause death or other grievous hurt	41	12	...	29	24	37	14	22	...	1
" " Sections 504 to 510—Other cases	343	184	4	155	98	126	70	56	...	...
TOTAL OF OFFENCES UNDER THE PENAL CODE	22,347	6,152	1,006	15,189	8,890	15,419	7,051	7,770	41	557
				II.—OFFENCES UNDER SPECIAL AND LOCAL LAWS.						
Code of Criminal Procedure										
Chapter VIII, Sections 107, 108, 119—Security for keeping the peace	444	187	6	251	195	922	635	253	...	34
" " " 109, 110—Security for good behaviour	258	15	8	235	204	215	97	107	1	10
Other Laws:—relating to										
Arms and Ammunition Act, XI of 1878	290	...	...	290	277	296	21	267	2	6
Cattle Trespass Act, I of 1877	1,417	311	21	1,085	656	1,207	584	606	3	14
Code of Civil Procedure	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	..	...
Court Fees Act	2	...	...	2	2	2	1	1	...	...
Contract (Workmen) Act, XIII of 1859	942	39	...	903	394	458	157	292	1	8
Cruelty to Animals Act, I of 1869	16	1	...	15	11	17	3	14	...	...
Elephant Preservation Act	2	...	...	2	1	4	4	...	..	...
Emigration (Inland) Act, I of 1882	1,369	22	2	1,345	798	1,039	117	917	2	3
Excise Act, VII of 1878	460	5	4	451	430	473	42	417	...	14
Explosives Act, IV of 1884	31	...	..	31	31	32	1	31	...	...
Ferries Act, XVII of 1878	143	12	1	130	75	99	63	34	...	2
Fisheries Act, II of 1889 (B.C.)	216	9	6	201	83	339	203	123	1	12
Forests Act, VII of 1878	105	...	...	105	101	313	66	245	...	2
Frontier District Regulation, No. V of 1878	7	...	...	7	6	10	1	6	...	3
Gambling Act, II of 1867	9	...	...	9	9	35	21	14	...	...
Income Tax Act, II of 1886	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jail Acts, II of 1864, V of 1865, XXVI of 1870	6	...	..	6	5	6	...	6	...	...
Military Police Regulation, IV of 1890	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Municipalities Act of 1876	1,421	2	1	1,418	1,354	1,385	71	1,302	...	12
Opium Act, I of 1878	77	...	3	74	68	84	17	59	...	8
Police (District) Act, V of 1861	1,033	1	...	1,032	1,011	1,089	79	1,008	...	2
Police (Rural) Act, I of 1883	258	1	...	257	249	252	34	218	...	...
Post Offices Act, XIV of 1866	6	...	...	6	6	14	1	13	...	...
Prisons Act, II of 1882 and XXVI of 1870	3	...	...	3	3	3	...	3	...	...
Railway Act, IV of 1879	3	...	...	3	4	4	2	2	...	...
Registration of Births and Deaths Act, II of 1873	190	...	...	190	181	229	43	186	...	...
Registration of Documents Act, III of 1877	2	...	...	2	2	3	1	...	...	2
Stamp Act, I of 1879	49	1	...	48	46	52	5	47	...	...
Telegraph Act, I of 1876	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Treasure Trove Act VI of 1878	1	...	...	1	1	2	2	...	...	...
Vaccination Act, XIII of 1880	2	...	...	2	1	1	...	1	...	...
TOTAL OF OFFENCES UNDER SPECIAL LAWS	8,765	606	52	8,107	6,206	8,588	2,272	6,173	10	133
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL OFFENCES	31,112	6,758	1,058	23,296	15,096	24,007	9,323	13,943	51	690

Annual Statement 3—(Criminal).

Statement of Miscellaneous Proceedings under the Criminal Procedure Code in the Province of Assam during 1894.

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS.	TOTAL NUMBER DEALT WITH DURING THE YEAR.		DISPOSED OF DURING THE YEAR.			REMARKS.
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	PERSONS		
				Discharged.	Convicted.	
1. Proceedings against witnesses under Chapter VI-C and Section 485	...	...	...	...	...	
2. Proceedings under Chapter VIII to prevent breach of the peace	275	1,158	270	635	489	
3. Proceedings under Chapter VIII—Security for good behaviour	211	215	200	97	107	
4. Proceedings against local nuisances—Chapter X	45	87	45	33	54	
5. Possession—Chapter XII	17	...	17	...	...	
6. Non-attendance of Jurors or Assessors—Chapter XXIII, Section 332	15	15	15	11	4	
7. Maintenance—Chapter XXXVI	95	95	95	53	42	
8. Forfeiture of bail or recognizance under Chapter XLII	191	341	191	121	220	
9. Frivolous or vexatious complaints summarily dealt with under Chapter XLVI, Section 560	116	118	116	...	118	
TOTAL	965	2,029	949	950	1,034	

Annual Statement 4—(Criminal).

Statement showing the general result of Criminal Trials in the Tribunals of various Classes in the Province of Assam in the year 1894.

CLASS OF TRIBUNAL.	NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.								PERSONS WHOSE CASES WERE DISPOSED OF.								Persons under trial at the end of the year.	NUMBER OF CASES.				Average number of days during which each case lasted.	Number of witnesses examined.
	Remaining at the end of the previous year.	Brought to trial during the year.						Total.	Died, escaped, or transferred.	Discharged or acquitted.	Convicted.				Committed or referred.	Total of columns 11 to 16.		Brought to trial during the year.	Disposed of during the year.	Remaining at the close of the year.	Number of cases entered in column 20 tried summarily.		
		Under arrest by police.	Upon warrant.	On summons.	Voluntarily.	Received on commitment or reference.	Received by transfer.				On regular trial.		On summary trial.										
											Appealable sentence passed.	Non-appealable sentence passed.	Appealable sentence passed.	Non-appealable sentence passed									
I.—MAGISTRATES.																							
Village Officers	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates. Special Magistrates under Section 14	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	.	3	...	1	1	...	...	1	4
Subordinate Magistrates. Honorary Magistrates sitting singly — 2nd and 3rd class	20	67	140	1,140	8	...	...	1,375	1	641	728	..	...	...	2	1,371	3	743	753	3	...	9·99	2,550
Subordinate Magistrates. Honorary Magistrates sitting singly — 1st class	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..
Subordinate Magistrates. Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly — 2nd and 3rd class	101	1,207	395	2,381	77	...	...	4,161	6	1,848	2,190	...	...	...	31	4,069	86	2,717	2,735	51	...	15·14	10,427
Subordinate Magistrates. Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly — 1st class	505	8,050	2,143	6,380	523	...	1	17,602	37	6,447	1,891	2,302	94	6,045	258	17,037	528	11,114	11,041	305	5,996	9·00	32,813
Subordinate Magistrates. Benches of Magistrates	...	6	34	13	...	...	...	53	...	18	29	...	...	...	...	47	6	42	38	4	...	14 44	139
District and Divisional Magistrates—Cases referred under Sections 347, 349.	...	...	...	...	...	81	...	81	..	30	33	14	...	...	4	81	...	35	35	...	...	9 64	27
Chief Magistrates of Districts. Under ordinary powers	22	457	90	136	13	...	...	718	5	221	102	72	2	258	14	669	44	439	434	22	247	10·75	1,198
Chief Magistrates of Districts. Under special powers under Section 34	1	65	1	1	1	1	...	70	1	15	32	1	...	...	16	64	5	41	41	1	...	23·04	275
Total	649	9,852	2,803	10,051	625	82	1	24,063	50	9,220	5,008	2,389	96	6,303	325	23,341	672	15,132	15,078	386	6,243	10·27	47,428
II.—COURTS OF SESSION.																							
Assistant Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Judges, Joint and Additional Judges	24	...	...	...	...	230	...	254	1	103	74	57	...	...	1	235	18	121	117	18	...	35 41	785
Judges. Cases referred by Deputy Commissioners under Section 34, C. P. C.	...	...	..	...	...	13	...	13	..	...	13	...	...	...	...	13	...	12	12	...	...	22·41	...
Judges. Cases referred by Assistant Judges under Section 31, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
Total	24	...	...	...	...	243	...	267	1	103	87	57	...	...	1	248	18	133	129	18	...	34·04	785
III.—SUPERIOR COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION.																							
High Court. Cases under Section 526, C. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
High Court. Cases committed by the Presidency Magistrates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
High Court. Cases referred by Sessions Judges under Section 307, C. P. C.	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
High Court. Cases referred by Sessions Judges under Section 374, C. P. C.	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	3	...	1	2	...	...	29·	...
Total	2	...	...	...	...	1	.	3	...	..	...	3	...	...	...	3	...	1	2	...	...	29·	...
GRAND TOTAL	675	9,852	2,803	10,051	625	326	1	24,333	51	9,323	5,095	2,449	96	6,303	326	23,592	690	15,266	15,209	404	6,243	10·47	48,213

Annual Statement 5—(Criminal).

Statement showing the Punishments inflicted by the various Criminal Tribunals in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction in the year 1894.

CLASS OF TRIBUNAL.	PERSONS SENTENCED TO											PERSONS ORDERED TO FIND OR GIVE			PERSONS IMPRISONED IN DEFAULT OF SECURITY FOR GOOD BEHAVIOUR.		DETAIL OF PUNISHMENTS.																												
		Transportation.			Imprisonment.				Fine.		Whipping.						Fine.								Imprisonment.										Whipped.			
					Rigorous.																				15 days and under		6 months and under.		2 years and under.		7 years and under.		Above 7 years					Number of boys whose sentences were commuted to detention in a Reformatory School.
	Death.	For life.	For a term.	Penal servitude.	With solitary confinement.	Without solitary confinement.	Simple.	Forfeiture of property.	With imprisonment.	Without imprisonment.	In addition to other punishment.	In lieu of other punishment.	Sureties of the peace.	Recognizance to keep the peace.	Sureties for good behaviour.	One year and under.	Three years and under.	R10 and under.	R50 and under.	R100 and under.	R500 and under.	R1,000 and under.	Above R1,000	Total amount of fines imposed during the year.	Total amount of fines realized during the year.	Amount paid by way of compensation.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	Rigorous.	Simple.	10 stripes and under.	20 stripes and under.	30 stripes and under.	
I.—MAGISTRATES.																																														
Village officers under Section 14		...	...		...	...	...		...	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates. Special Magistrates		...	...		...	3	...		...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...
Subordinate Magistrates. Honorary Magistrates sitting singly — 2nd and 3rd class		...	...		...	43	3		13	682	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	631	63	1	...	.	..	3,458	3,285	329	23	3	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates. Honorary Magistrates sitting singly — 1st class		...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Subordinate Magistrates. Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly — 2nd and 3rd class		...	...		...	556	6		162	1,619	2	9	..	...	...	...	...	1,305	467	6	3	...	..	17,201	16 531	1,604	89	4	466	2	1	..	...	...	...	...	8	3	...
Subordinate Magistrates. Stipendiary Magistrates sitting singly — 1st class		...	...	.	119	2,861	47		441	6,430	22	290	219	253	85	65	...	5,602	1,165	82	22	...	...	57,678	56,410	11,129	773	27	1,769	20	499	...	4	...	...	...	58	211	43	...
Subordinate Magistrates. Benches of Magistrates		...	...	.	...	3	...		1	26	...	...	...	...	.	...	..	27	...	...	...		...	119	119	6	3	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...
District and Divisional Magistrates—Cases referred under Sections 347, 349		...	...		6	25	...		...	...	1	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	15	8	...		2	...	16	...	13	...	...	...	...	16	1	...
Chief Magistrates of Districts. Under ordinary powers		...	...		12	220	5		35	141	2	19	1	16	2	3	...	112	49	9	6	..	..	3,944	2,785	540	104	3	97	2	32	.	2	...	...	...	8	11	2	...
Chief Magistrates of Districts. Under special powers under Section 34		...	...		2	30	..		2	...	1	1	...	..	...	...	...	.	2	...	...	...	...	80	50	50	..	...	12	...	3	.	17	...	...	...	..	1	1	...
Total		...	..		139	1,741	61		654	8,898	28	335	220	269	87	68	..	7,677	1,746	99	31	...	..	82 680	79,195	13,666	992	37	2,369	24	551	..	36	...	...		66	247	50	...
II.—COURTS OF SESSION.																																														
Assistant Judges		...	...		...	..	...		...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...
Judges, Joint and Additional Judges		7	2		...	102	.		3	...	...	...	...	..	20	5	15	...	...	2	1	...	...	715	1,108	70	...	...	8	.	51	...	57	..	6	...	...	...	...	...
Judges. Cases referred by Deputy Commissioners under Section 34, C. P. C.		...	...	.	2	11	...		2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	..	200	200	200	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	...	.	...	...	1	...
Judges. Cases referred by Assistant Judges under Section 31, C. P. C.		...	...		...	...	...		...	.	...	...	...		...	...	..	...	..	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...
Total		7	2		2	113	...		5	...	1	...	...	...	20	5	15	...	..	4	1	..	..	915	1,308	270	...	...	8	...	51	...	70	...	6	...	...	..	1	...
II.—SUPERIOR COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION.																																														
High Court. Cases coming before the Court under Section 526, C. P. C.		..	...	.	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
High Court. Cases committed by the Presidency Magistrates		...	...		...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
High Court. Cases referred by Sessions Judges under Section 307, C. P. C.		...	...		...	...	...		...	...	...	...		...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
High Court. Cases referred by Sessions Judges under Section 374, C. P. C.	2	1	...		.	...	...		...	...	...	...	.	.	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	2	1			...	...	.		...	...	..			..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL	2	8	2		141	3,854	61		659	8,898	29	335	220	269 (a)	107	73	15	7,677	1,746	102	32	..	.	83,595	80,503	13,936	992	37	2,377	24	602	..	106	..	6	...	66	247	51	...

N.B.—Besides the persons shewn in this Statement, 281 were required to fulfil contracts under Act XIII of 1859 and Act I of 1882, and one person was warned and discharged.

(a) Of these, 236 persons were required to give recognizance under Section 106, Criminal Procedure Code, in addition to the other punishments to which they were sentenced.

Annual Statement 5A—(Criminal).

Showing the Particulars of Whippings inflicted by the Criminal Tribunals during 1894.

PART I.

Showing Whippings inflicted under Sections 2 and 3, Act VI, 1864, in lieu of other Punishment.

Offences for which awarded.	Number of stripes awarded												Total.
	5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.		
	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction	1st conviction	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction	2nd or subsequent conviction.	
IN LIEU OF OTHER PUNISHMENT. (Sections 2 and 3, Act VI, 1864.)													
1. Theft, as defined in . . . . Section 378, I. P. C. .	2	...	33	1	56	1	38	1	4	1	2	.	139
„ 380, „ .	1	...	11	...	33	...	36	...	5	...	3	2	91
„ 381, „ .	...	...	6	...	10	..	4	. .	2	...	1	...	23
„ 382, „ .	...	...	.	..	.	...	.	...		. .	...	...	...
2. Extortion, as defined in . . . „ 388, „ .	..	.	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
„ 389, „ .	..	...			.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. Dishonestly receiving stolen property, as defined in „ 411, „ .	...	...	6	...	13	.	14	...	6	...	4	...	43
„ 412, „ .	...	...	...	.	..	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. Lurking house-trespass, as defined in . „ 443, „ .	1	...	...	...	...	. .	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
5. Ditto by night, as defined in „ 444, „ .	...	...	...	...	1	.	1	...	3	...	...	...	5
6. House-breaking, as defined in . . „ 445, „ .	...	...	.	...	.	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	4
7. Ditto by night, as defined in „ 446, „ .	...	...	1	...	6	...	7	...	5	...	...	...	19
8. Offence under Section 14, Act III, 1880	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Total .	4	...	57	1	119	2	102	1	27	1	10	2	326

PART II.

Showing Whippings inflicted in addition to other Punishments, Sections 3 and 4, Act VI, 1864.

OFFENCES FOR WHICH AWARDED.		Number of stripes.						Total.
		5 and under	6 to 10.	11 to 15	16 to 20.	21 to 25.	26 to 30.	
IN ADDITION TO OTHER PUNISHMENT (Sections 3 and 4.)								
A.—Section 3.—								
1 Theft, as defined in	Section 378, I P. C	...	...	1	6	1	...	8
	" 380, "	...	...	1	2	1	4	8
	" 381, "	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	" 382, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. Extortion, as defined in	" 388, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	" 389, "	...	...	...	..		...	...
3. Dishonestly receiving stolen property, as defined in	" 411, "	...	1	3	1	1	...	6
	" 412, "	...	...	...	..	..	...	...
4. Lurking house-trespass as defined in	" 443, "	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
5. Ditto by night, as defined in	" 444, "	...	...	...	...	2	...	2
6. House-breaking, as defined in	" 445, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7. Ditto by night, as defined in	" 446, "	...	1	2	...	...	...	3
8. Offence under Section 14, Act III, 1880		...	...	...	...	...	...	...
B.—Section 4.—								
1. False evidence, as defined in	Section 193, I. P C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	" 194, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	" 195, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. False charge of unnatural offence, as defined in	" 211, " and	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
3. Assault, as defined in	" 377, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. Rape, as defined in	" 354, "	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
5. Unnatural offence, as defined in	" 375, "	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
6. Robbery, as defined in	" 377, "	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
7 Dacoity, as defined in	" 390, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8. Attempt at robbery, as defined in	" 391, "	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
9 Hurt in committing robbery, as defined in	" 393, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10. Receiving stolen property, as defined in	" 394, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	" 413, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11. Forgery, as defined in	" 463, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	" 466, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	" 467, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	" 468, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	" 469, "	..	.	...	..	...	...	...
12 Lurking house-trespass, as defined in	" 443, "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13. Ditto by night, as defined in	" 444, "	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
14. House-breaking, as defined in	" 445, "	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
15. Ditto by night, as defined in	" 446, "	...	...	...	.	...	...	...
	Total	...	2	8	9	6	4	29

PART III.

Showing Whippings inflicted under Section 5, Act VI, 1864, on Juveniles, for Offences other than those specified in Parts I and II.

OFFENCE.	Stripes.												Total.
	5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.		
	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	Subsequent conviction.	
Section 147	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 182	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 224	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2
„ 325	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 352	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ 377	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 497	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total	...	...	1	1	5	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	9

PART IV.

Showing relative Number of times Whipping was awarded, as compared with other Punishments.

PUNISHMENTS.	Number.	Remarks.
1. Total number of whippings awarded	364	
2. Total number of other punishments in cases in which whipping might have been inflicted	1,767	
3. Total number of all punishments in cases in which whipping might have been awarded (total of headings 1 and 2)	2,131	
4. Percentage of whippings	17·08	

Annual Statement 6—(Criminal).

Statement showing the result of Appeal and Revision in Criminal Cases in the Province of Assam during the year 1894.

Class of tribunal.		Number of persons.												Number of cases.		
		Total number of appellants and applicants for revision, including pending from previous year.	Died, escaped, transferred.	Appeals or applications rejected.	Sentence or order confirmed.	Sentence enhanced	Sentence reduced or order otherwise altered.	Reversed	Proceedings quashed.	New trial or further enquiry ordered.	Referred to the High Court for revision.	Total whose cases were disposed of, including entries in columns 4 to 11.	Remaining at the end of the year.	Preferred during the year.	Disposed of during the year.	Remaining at the close of the year.
APPEALS.																
To	From															
District Magistrate	Subordinate Magistrates	771	1	73	377	...	73	137	3	3	...	666	104	407	366	62
Courts of Session	Magistrates	904	1	37	397	...	135	306	...	1	...	876	27	452	455	20
	Assistant Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
Superior Courts. by persons convicted	Presidency Magistrates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Deputy Commissioners acting under Section 34, C. P. C.	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	2	2	...
	Sessions Judges	89	...	55	7	...	10	6	...	3	...	81	8	48	47	3
Superior Courts. by Government from judgments of acquittal, Section 417.	All Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	1,767	2	168	781	...	218	449	3	7	...	1,626	139	909	870	85
REVISION																
By	Of order of															
District Magistrates	Subordinate Magistrates	178	...	69	392	...	8	49	...	198	3	719	41	208	205	12
Courts of Session	Magistrates	291	...	392	1	...	...	...	...	84	28	505	40	193	206	9
High Court (cases referred for orders under Sections 432, 438).	Magistrates	37	...	...	21	...	1	8	...	7	...	37	...	16	19	...
High Court (cases dealt with under Section 435).	Magistrates	150	...	63	23	...	...	42	...	10	...	138	12	60	58	4
	Courts of Session	2	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	2	...
	Total	(a)658	...	524	437	1	10	99	...	299	31	1,401	93	479	490	25
	GRAND TOTAL	2,425	2	692	1,218	1	228	548	3	306	31	3,027	232	1,388	1,360	110

(a) Besides these, there were 834 accused persons against whom applications for revision were made. These persons, though not shown in this column, are shown in the other columns exhibiti g the results of such applications.

Annual Statement 7—(Criminal).

Statement showing use of Juries and Assessors in the Criminal Courts in the Province of Assam in the year 1894.

Classes of Courts in which Jurors or Assessors are employed.		Established or average number of Jurors or Assessors in each case, and prescribed qualifications.	Number of accused persons in jury trials.				Number of accused persons in trials with assessors.				Remarks.
			Tried.	As to whom the Judge			Tried.	As to whom the Judge			
				Approved verdict.	Did not approve of verdict.	Made reference under Section 307, C. P. Code.		Agreed with all the Assessors.	Differed from one or more, but not from all the Assessors.	Differed from all the Assessors.	
Magistrates' Courts under Chapter X, C. P. C.	Jurors	Five Jurors	60	52	8	...	...	...	...	...	
Courts of Session	Jurors	Five Jurors and two Assessors, qualifications as described in Chapter XXIII, Code of Criminal Procedure.	57	55	2	...	..	...	...	...	All offences, including abetments and attempts, falling under Chapters VIII, XI, XVI, XVII and XVIII, of the Indian Penal Code, are tried by Jury in the Assam Valley Districts. Other cases in these districts and all cases in Sylhet and Cachar are tried with the aid of Assessors.
	Assessors		...	...	...	...	155	101	48	6	
	Total		117	107	10	...	155	101	48	6	

Annual Statement 8—(Criminal).

Statement showing the General Result of the Trial of European British Subjects in the Province of Assam in the year 1894.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCE.	Number of persons accused and brought before a magistrate. Remaining at the close of the previous year.	Within the year. On complaint, Section 191 (a), Criminal Procedure Code.	On Police report, Section 191 (b) of the Code.	By Magistrate *suo motu*, Section 191 (c) of the Code.	On transfer from another district or province.	Total.	Died, escaped, or transferred to other Districts or Provinces.	Number actually brought to trial.	Persons whose cases were disposed of. By District Magistrates and other first class Magistrates. Received by transfer under Section 451 B of the Code.	Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged.	Committed. To Courts of Session.	To High Court.	Transferred by order under Section 451 B of the Code.	Total, omitting entries in columns 10 and 16.	By Courts of Session. Received by transfer under Section 451 B of the Code	Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged.	Transferred to High Court under Section 449 of the Code.	Total exclusive of column 17.	By High Court. Convicted.	Acquitted.	Total.	Total for all courts. Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged.	Total.	Number of persons under trial at the close of the year.	Number of cases. Brought to trial.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Number of persons who applied to the High Court for an order under Section 456 of the Code.	Of those entered in column 5, number who applied under Section 2, Act III of 1884, for transfer or committal of their cases.	Number of persons who applied to the High Court under Section 526 of the Code for the transfer of their cases.
Offences against the public tranquillity, Chapter VIII	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	..	...	1	...	...	..	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	1	1		1	1	...	...	...	...
Contempts of the lawful authority of public servants, Chapter X	...	1	..	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	..	...	...	1	...	..	...	...	.	...	..	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	..	...
Offences affecting the public health, safety, convenience, decency and morals, Chapter XIV	...	...	1	..		1	..	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	..	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI. — Hurt	...	6	...	.	..	6	...	6	...	3	3	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...		..	..	...	3	3	6	...	5	5	...	...	...	..
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI. — Wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement	...	2	1	...	...	3	...	3	...	1	2	...	..	...	3	...	.	.	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	3	...	3	3	...	...	...	...
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI. — Criminal force and assault	...	15	..	1	..	16	...	16	...	8	8	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	8	8	16	..	15	15	...	...	...	...
Offences against property, Chapter XVII. — Criminal misappropriation of property	...	1	...		..	1	..	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Offences against property, Chapter XVII. — Mischief	...	4	..	..	...	4	...	4	...	...	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	...	4	4	...	...	..	...
Offences against property, Chapter XVII. — Criminal trespass	...	1	1	..	..	2	...	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	...
Offences relating to marriage, Chapter XX	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Offences under Special and Local Laws	1	5	1	4	...	11	...	11	..	7	4	...	...	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	4	11	...	10	11	...	...	...	...
Total	1	36	5	5	...	47	...	47	...	21	26	...	...	...	47	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	21	26	47	...	44	45	...	...	...	...

Subsidiary Table

	Of the total number of persons shown in Column 16. Number who claimed to be tried by a mixed jury, Section 461A (1) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Number of those in column 36 (1) whose cases were transferred under Section 461 of the Code.	Column 21. Number who claimed a mixed number of assessors, Section 461 (2) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Columns 21 and 24. Number who claimed to be tried by a mixed jury, Section 461 (1) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Of cases shown in column 30. Disposed of by Magistrates. Being European British subjects.	Other than European British subjects.	Disposed of by Sessions Judges. Being European British subjects.	Other than European British subjects.
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
Total	2	45	...	...	...	...	...	45	...	...	...